



Eric Hamber Secondary School Seismic Replacement Program

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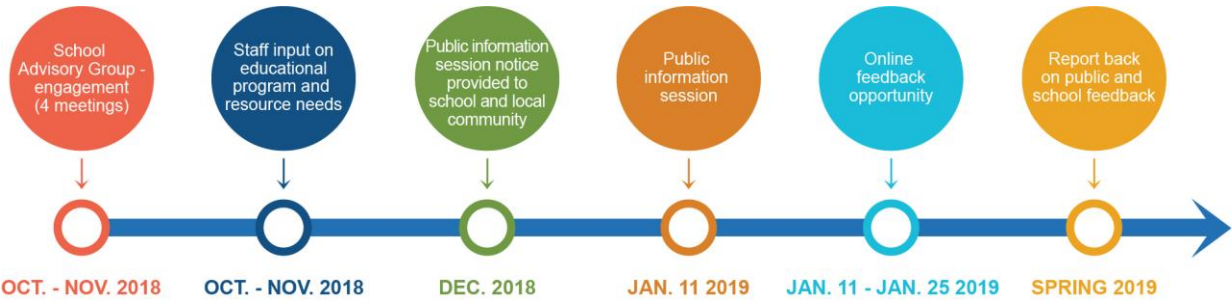
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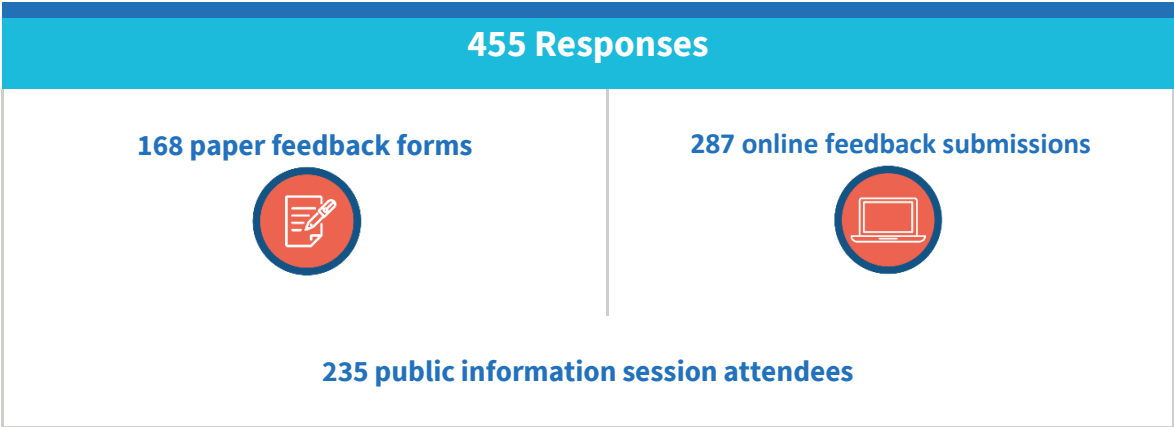
INTRODUCTION

In June 2018, the provincial government announced funding for the replacement of Eric Hamber Secondary School. The school opened in 1962 and has served Vancouver students and the neighbouring community well through the years. However, the facility is outdated and presents a high-seismic risk in the event of an earthquake.

To gather input from teachers, students and the broader community an engagement program was developed. In the fall of 2018, Eric Hamber students, teachers and parent representatives shared their vision for the replacement school.



A Public Information Session was held on January 11, 2019. Approximately 235 people attended the event. During the session, participants were invited to visit information boards, ask staff questions and complete a feedback form. A parallel online feedback form was launched on the Vancouver School Board (VSB) website on January 11, and was open for comment until January 25, 2019. Collectively, 455 responses were received through the online form and from the in-person session.



In addition to the feedback forms, we received more than 80 emails and letters about the replacement project from parents, teachers, alumni and the broader community. An online petition was also created by the Eric Hamber Alumni Association and Parent Advisory Committee. The petition was addressed to the Minister of Education. At the time of this report's publication the petition had garnered more than 4,700 signatures.

WHAT WE ASKED

To better understand the views of the Eric Hamber community, the feedback form asked participants for basic demographic information, their preferences for program areas, their experience at the information session and additional thoughts about the Eric Hamber Secondary Seismic Replacement Project. The following questions were posed:

Q: Please indicate which of the following applies to you:

Select: Parent of a child interested in attending the school, Student currently attending the school, Student interested in attending, Local resident (do not have children attending the school), VSB staff, Local business owner, Other (please identify)

Q: Based on feedback received from the school community, additional areas such as more gym space and an auditorium is being requested. Given the fixed budget and size, please let us know what areas matter most to you in addition to the program areas listed above.

Rank: More gym space, Auditorium space, Neither. Program areas listed above are sufficient, Other (please specify)

Q: The information provided at this public information session was helpful.

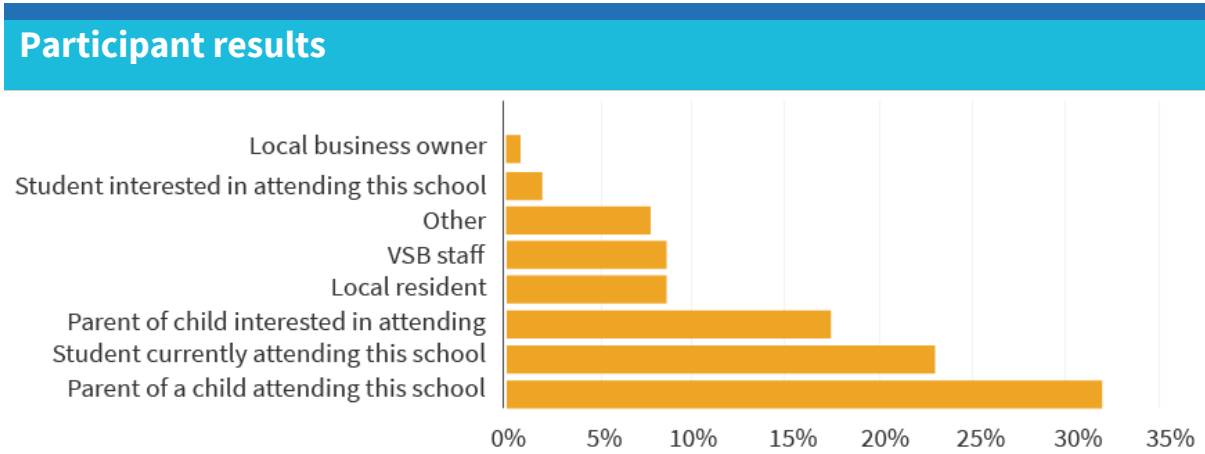
Agree, Somewhat agree, Somewhat disagree, Disagree

Q: Please provide additional comments you have regarding the Eric Hamber Secondary seismic replacement program.

Refer to Appendix A for the complete feedback form.

WHO WE HEARD FROM

We heard from a range of voices and members of the Eric Hamber Secondary school community. About 32 per cent of total comments came from parents with children attending the school, while 23 per cent of responses were from current students. About 17 per cent of forms came from parents with children interested in enrolling at Eric Hamber Secondary.



***Please note this question allowed participants to select multiple responses.*

We also heard from local residents without children who attend the school, VSB staff and local business owners. Participants who completed a form and identified as *Other* included Eric Hamber alumni, former teachers and grandparents of current students.

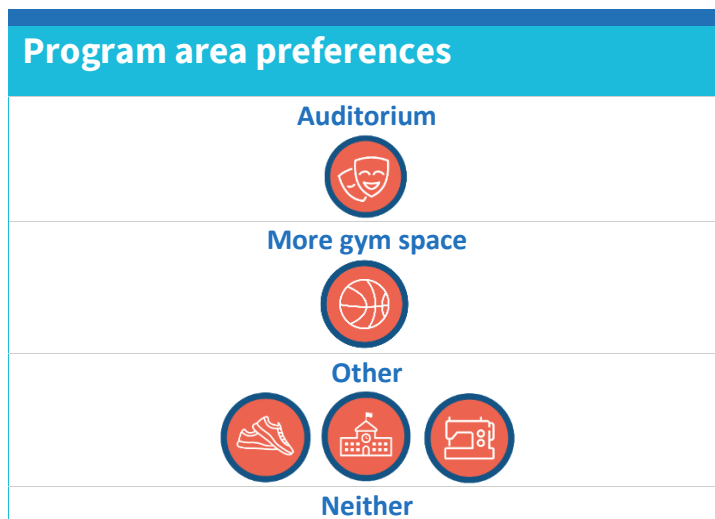
WHAT WE HEARD

The project team reviewed all verbatim responses received from the online and in-person engagement. Comments were categorized into overarching themes. The result of this analysis represents only those who completed the feedback forms and is not fully representative of the Eric Hamber Secondary School community.

Which program areas are important for Eric Hamber Secondary?

The Ministry of Education is responsible for setting province-wide, program-area standards as well as the funding formula for school construction. As a result, the replacement school for Eric Hamber must be designed and built to meet current provincial standards and within the funding allocated. In addition to required school program areas (i.e. Learning Commons, Arts Education, Drama Studio, Athletics, General Academics, Science, Applied Skills and Special Education), the project team asked respondents to identify what other program areas matter most to them.

Specifically, we asked participants to rank their preference between ‘More gym space’, ‘Auditorium space’, ‘Neither’ and ‘Other’. We received more than 280 responses to this question. The majority of respondents selected the auditorium as being the most important area for the replacement school. Additional gym space was chosen as the second most important area. *Other* was ranked third whereas *Neither* came in last.



Respondents who selected ‘Other’ provided us with details about program areas that are also important in the replacement school. The following chart illustrates the themes and the percentage of supporting comments. Samples of reoccurring comments are included to illustrate each theme. It is important to note that comments often fell into more than one theme. Refer to Appendix B to view all verbatim comments.

Other program areas	
Themes (Percentage of total comments)	Examples of recurring verbatim comments
Field related programming 18%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Running Track is needed for P.E. as well as for track + field” “Field Space - And having to share this lack of field space with other schools for another 10 years is an unfair solution” “Outdoor field space, specifically a facility for the football team to play and practice on” “field space for soccer, field hockey, ultimate, football etc.”

Other program areas	
Themes (Percentage of total comments)	Examples of recurring verbatim comments
Arts education including drama, music, mixed media and associated spaced 15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Fine and performing art courses need a stage and seating for large audience members for students to share their learning with the school and outside community” • “Adequate music rooms for choir, strings, band, and guitar” • “Lab spaces, maker spaces, design spaces”
Fashion and textile program 11%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Space for fashion design program” • “Textile and fashion room cannot be made smaller!! Hamber has a fantastic program and students need the room to do a good job” • “I believe the textile program deserves special considerations at the present. More generally speaking - a school needs surplus spaces for programs like textiles to develop and evolve”
General concerns about building design and space allocation 11%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Space for collaboration in hallways during break times. Lockers are safe areas for students. Give [them] benches tables & outlets” • “More cafeteria space” • “Multipurpose room available for community use after school hours while the school has use of during school hours”
Both auditorium space and gym space are equally important 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I chose to abstain from any ranking system because ALL areas are critically needed” • “I selected BOTH options for more gym space and an auditorium because they are equally important and to rank them is an ingenious way to pit arts against athletics”
Applied skills such as computer lab, woodworking, home economic programs 8%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “More space for applied skills - Home ec” • “Applied skills/elective areas” • “The government is encouraging applied skills in terms of trades and technology, so why are these spaces so greatly reduced?” • “Bigger foods kitchen”
Physical education and athletic programming spaces 7%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “An outdoor gym would be great (bars, balance beams, sit up logs, etc. like up in Whistler)” • “Weight room/s”

Other program areas	
Themes (Percentage of total comments)	Examples of recurring verbatim comments
Outdoor greenspace 6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Sufficient outdoor green space”</i> • <i>“Outdoor field and green space for kids. I would rank them all as 1”</i> • <i>“More outdoor space during transition”</i> • <i>“Outdoor playing field should be a priority”</i>
Learning Commons 5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Library Learning Commons should be larger to accommodate inquiry based learning/teaching”</i> • <i>“More space for the library learning commons”</i> • <i>“Bigger library”</i>
Auditorium space 4%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The auditorium is the #1 facility that needs to be included for all events, musical, drama, to name a few”</i> • <i>“An auditorium is essential for a high school performing arts program, and needs to be included in the design. ‘Multi-purpose’ space is simply not sufficient, as it is significantly less usable for performances of all kinds”</i> • <i>“I think that an auditorium is essential if a high school has a commitment to arts education”</i>
Storage space for activities 2%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“There needs to be more room for storing instruments as well as an auditorium so the music program can continue”</i> • <i>“Dragon Boat Room/Place for Paddling Ergs”</i>

Comments related to general academic space, special education and ‘Other’ comments related to traffic make up the remaining three per cent of comments.

Those who identified as being a ‘Parent of a child attending Hamber’ and a ‘Student attending Hamber’ ranked program areas in the same order. However, parents prioritized both the auditorium (average rank 1.51 out of four) and additional gym space (average rank 1.72 out of four) with similar levels of importance. On the other hand, students had a stronger preference for auditorium space (average rank 1.37 of out of four) over additional gym space (average rank 2.14 of four).

Ranking of program areas by demographic group			
Parent of child attending Hamber (program area and average rank)	Student attending Hamber	Parent of child interested in attending Hamber	Other
Auditorium – 1.51 Gym – 1.72 Other – 2.59 Neither – 3.69	Auditorium – 1.37 Gym – 2.14 Other – 2.67 Neither – 3.64	Gym – 1.47 Auditorium – 1.87 Other – 2.13 Neither – 4.00	Auditorium – 1.54 Gym – 1.70 Other 1.54 Neither – 4.00

Feedback on the public information session

To better engage the Eric Hamber Secondary community in the future, we wanted to understand what information is most useful to students, parents, teachers and the broader community. We received 393 responses to the statement *The information provided at this public information session was helpful.*

Usefulness of information	
Agree	20%
Somewhat agree	49%
Somewhat disagree	18%
Disagree	12%

Seismic replacement program comments and concerns

We asked respondents to share their thoughts regarding the Eric Hamber Secondary School seismic replacement program in an open-ended question. Participants provided more than 350 responses to this question.

The following chart illustrates the themes and percentage of supporting comments. Some 24 per cent of comments spoke to the lack of an auditorium in the replacement school and about 15 per cent of comments were related to insufficient gym space. Approximately 10 per cent of comments spoke to concerns over the lack of field access and its impacts on outdoor athletic programs.

Comments and concerns

Themes (Percentage of total comments)	Examples of recurring verbatim comments
Concerns about the absence of an auditorium space 24%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The auditorium has been very important to my crucial formative years. It is the heart and soul of the theatre department, which is a part of around 150 students high school experience”</i> • <i>“This is such a great learning and growth vehicle for these students I can not bear to imagine how we could replace it, or go on without a proper auditorium.”</i> • <i>“More space should be allotted to an auditorium because I have enjoyed working on the musical & fashion show there in the past. It would make me very sad to see them go, and to think that future students would not have the opportunity to experience such pleasures”</i> • <i>“The theatre program at Hamber is wonderful and provides tremendous opportunities for students. The school is known for its musicals, and because it has a large drama studio”</i> • <i>“Auditoriums are the Heart of a school. For meetings assemblies, concerts/plays +school community gatherings”</i>
Insufficient gym space 15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Larger gym space is needed to promote physical health for future healthy life styles”</i> • <i>“The gym space in the present school is already not big enough to accommodate our students for their physical activities. There are only maximum three groups of kids (10 to 15 people) can play in the gym after school. Every time I go to the gym pick up my kid and it is always crowded.”</i> • <i>“My grade 9 daughter already complains of tight gym space I can scarcely imagine what PE will look like in the future”</i> • <i>“The gym space absolutely must be increased. There already isn't enough for all the blocks to use the gym, and our kids are often forced outside in cold, very rainy weather as there are no other options.”</i> • <i>“Hosting basketball tournaments are great so the gym needs to be sufficient and large enough to host.</i> • <i>More gymnasium space would allow for more flexibility in programming”</i>

Comments and concerns

Themes (Percentage of total comments)	Examples of recurring verbatim comments
Shortage of field space, when the school is being used as a swing site 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“This project would kill Eric Hambers Football program, the only public high school football program in Vancouver. The future of that program must be considered before the construction begins”</i> • <i>“The potential lack of field access from 2020 to 2030 is concerning as the potential negative impact may have long term program negative results! Ultimately, I want my children to come to Eric Hamber with a continued fully developed sports program”</i>
Concerns regarding the reduced size of the replacement school 7%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“I am greatly concerned about the decreased space at the new school. What will happen to all the programs that depend on the space. Once programs disappear they don't return”</i> • <i>“At minimum, the replacement project should replacing the same learning spaces that presently exist at Hamber; nothing should be decreased in size or omitted”</i> • <i>“A decrease in library size of almost 50% will surely have negative impacts on the ability of our Library program to meet the needs of our students and staff. Our school must have a Library Learning Commons big enough to support a minimum of 2 classes at any given time in addition to the dozens of students who drop in for support and space to work and learn”</i>
Concerns about the proposed capacity of the school 6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“It is unclear to me if the development plan factors in future expected population growth in the Cambie corridor area due to redevelopment in Oakridge, Bus Barns, and the former RCMP grounds”</i> • <i>“The size of new school seems to be too small, considering all the condos being built within walking distance of the school”</i> • <i>“The province, VSB & City of Vancouver have failed to take into account the future increased density in the area: Oakridge Mall Site, cambie corridor”</i>

Comments and concerns

Themes (Percentage of total comments)	Examples of recurring verbatim comments
Concerns about the loss of the fashion and textile program 5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“I have spent many years in the sewing room, and I think it would be discouraging for students to if they did not have the space to apply their skills creativity.”</i> • <i>“My daughter wants to do the Fashion Arts program offered at Eric Hamber. Please ensure there is adequate space for her to have a good instructor and keep the program going. My daughter is planning to go to Kwantlan University for “Fashion and Technology”</i>
Concerns about the loss of the athletic track 5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Even if a track is added, it won't be here until 2033 or beyond”</i> • <i>“It is disappointing that the track will not be around for 10 years”</i> • <i>“I am concerned that the 10 year period with a track and field space will impact the quality of the track program at the school. I hope that the development plan will address an alternate space to use and continue to foster high achievement in the sports programs that rely on the track field and adjacent open field. Perhaps the neighbouring park may be used.”</i>
Comments on the design of the building, including size of classrooms, lockers and storage areas 5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The current locker size should remain the same because there is a lot of space required to fit essentials needed for school”</i> • <i>“Please check out Moscrop Secondary Science lab set up = very efficient + lots of light area of refuge for students to have quiet spaces”</i> • <i>“I want this library to be as nice and spacious as the current one”</i> • <i>“The spaces for unique skill programs need to be planned out to provide the maximum learning experience for the students as applied skills are a big part of what made the learning experience fulfilling at Hamber”</i> • <i>“Please include a very very small room for the dragon boat team for them to put ergs in to allow them to do their workout and trainings”</i>
Concerns about the consultation process 5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Please ensure that your next info-session to the public is much more progressive than just discussion and a quick survey.”</i> • <i>“the displays weren't helpful to visual future spaces”</i> • <i>“This entire process needs to stop and start over.”</i>

Comments and concerns	
Themes (Percentage of total comments)	Examples of recurring verbatim comments
Concerns about traffic when the school is being used as swing site 4%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Traffic congestion will be a problem with school on NW corner”</i> • <i>“There will be a major impact on local traffic”</i>
Concerns about general overcrowding while the school is being used as a swing site 4%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“What are the ramifications of having the population of 2 secondary schools on one site”</i> • <i>“And no outdoor space for over a decade?! How much do the Hamber students have to give up for the rest of the community?!”</i> • <i>“Having 2 school on this ground until 2030 is not fair for kids in this school. Why would the kids in Hamber should loose out for kids in other school”</i>
Concerns about the size of the parking lot being too large 3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Consider building parking underground to free up space for playing fields”</i> • <i>“Surface parking lot is not an appropriate use of land (footprint). Make parking underground & expand footprint of the school auditorium & drama space are essential”</i>
Concerns about a childcare facility displacing school program areas 3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“It seems that the 69 spot daycare is taking the space where the gym and auditorium space should be”</i> • <i>“Cut the day care space! This has nothing to do with high school education”</i> • <i>“The daycare isn't a priority in THIS space”</i>

The remaining four per cent of comments fell under three themes: greater investment required to ensure existing programs and size of school is maintained, general distrust in the provincial government and/or VSB, and the lack of greenspace.

WHAT'S NEXT

As the project moves forward, we will continue to work with the School Advisory Group to ensure we regularly receive direct feedback from the school community on the seismic replacement project. The School Advisory Group represents the voices of parents, students, teachers and community members.

APPENDIX A – FEEDBACK FORM

Eric Hamber Secondary Seismic Replacement Project Public Information Session Feedback Form

Please submit one form per person.

1. Please indicate which of the following applies to you:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of a child attending the school | <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident
(do not have children attending the school) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of a child interested in attending the school | <input type="checkbox"/> VSB staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student currently attending the school | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student interested in attending | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
(Please specify) |

2. The District has been provided with a fixed budget and size for the Eric Hamber Secondary School replacement project, based on the Ministry of Education's standards and approval. The District must work within these constraints to design a replacement school that is seismically safe for students.

The replacement school will include the following program areas:

- Learning Commons (Library)
- Counselling
- Arts Education (Art Studio, Ceramic Studio, Graphic Arts and Photography Lab, Dance Studio, Drama Studio, Music Rooms)
- Athletics (Gymnasium, Weight Room, Locker Rooms)
- General Academics (Humanities, Languages and Math)
- Science (including Science labs)
- Applied Skills (Industrial Education, Home Economics, Business Education and Computer Labs)
- Special Education

Based on feedback received from the school community, additional areas such as more gym space and an auditorium is being requested. Given the fixed budget and size, please let us know what areas matter most to you in addition to the program areas listed above.

Rank your preference from 1 to 4 (with 1 being the most important and 4 being least important)

- More gym space
- Auditorium space
- Neither. Program areas listed above are sufficient
- Other: _____

3. The information provided at this public information session was helpful. Please check one of the following:

Agree Somewhat agree Somewhat disagree Disagree

4. Please provide additional comments you have regarding the Eric Hamber Secondary seismic replacement project.

5. To help us analyze the geographic distribution of respondents, please provide your postal code. Your information will remain confidential.

Postal Code (optional): _____

Thank you for completing the feedback form. The District will consolidate all information received and share the results with the school community in the coming weeks. Please return this form before you leave the information session, or send your feedback to: **govsb.ca/hamberseismic**

Your feedback will be reviewed until Friday, January 25, 2019.



APPENDIX B – VERBATIM COMMENTS

Verbatim responses from participants regarding Other program areas

- “Track and field space”
- “Applied skills”
- “Field space”
- “Fine arts”
- “Applied skills”
- “Arts”
- “Film and media lab”
- “Both”
- “More applied skills space”
- “Applied skills space”
- “Applied skills space”
- “Outdoor space for teens”
- “More space for applied skills - Home ec/clothing design”
- “Additional small drama studio as currently”
- “Structural hardening for building to be usable post-earth"quake. Auditorium space can be really useful for arts or community”
- “Textile and fashion room cannot be made smaller!! Hamber has a fantastic program and students need the room to do a good job”
- “More outdoor space during transition”
- “Applied skills”
- “Sports”
- “Fashion design space.”
- “Field space”
- “Band space”
- “Multi-media studio/laboratory”
- “I don't care”
- “Track”
- “Track”
- “space for applied skills”
- “Full-sized lockers”
- “study rooms”
- “dragon boat room (place for ergs)”
- “Playing fields”
- “Fashion Design”
- “Keeping in mind that such space is useful rentals for community use [auditorium]”
- “Field - parks board”
- “traffic issues - special the drop-off + pick up during construction”
- “Fashion design”
- “More student capacity”
- “More fine arts space and home ec space”
- “Storage space”

- “Outdoor space”
- “Full-length lockers”
- “Weight room, field, track”
- “Dragon Boat Room/Place for Paddling Ergs”
- “More of equal sized drama studio space than the current size.”
- “We have the only Vancouver high school football team.”
- “Running Track is needed for P.E. as well as for track + field”
- “Maintain classroom space and hall space [right arrow] halls are already too crowded”
- “Hallway space”
- “hallway space”
- “rank 1, being physically active helps learning. I, needed to support performing arts+ music + meetings +gatherings + presentations. Special storage areas needed + requested for Team equipment specifically World Championship winning Hamber Eternal Dragon Boat team.”
- “Bigger library”
- “Big Drama studio”
- “More space for Home Ec & textile labs”
- “storage space”
- “All important”
- “ceramics/sculpture art rooms, & more textile department space”
- “more cafeteria space”
- “All are needed More space for library, tech studies and textile labs”
- “Auditorium”
- “Both are necessary”
- “Sports Field!”
- “Drama studio to have same or greater seating capacity as in current facility 3 Fashion design program space”
- “Cafeteria 1 (kitchen-fridge, stoves) 2 Track, sporting fields”
- “Auditorium”
- “Fashion design space”
- “Needed to maintain & encourage good health [gym] performance space builds confidence & is used constantly at main school [auditorium] both are key to the healthy climate of this school Tech studies need more space full size lockers for all students who do music or sports a dedicated space for DragonBoard to house equipment 2 ergs for team to practice One textile/fashion design lab that is large enough to have 30 domestic & 6-10 industrial machine & enough storage”
- “Home ecomics”
- “Fashion design space”
- “Can't rank /c given info [right arrow] don't think you can simplify it to a Ranked Qu.”
- “Applied skills”
- “Any space”
- “Photography darkroom space”
- “Textiles Room”
- “Fields”
- “Outdoor leisure space traffic management”

- “Both require more space - gym and auditorium”
- “Outdoor field space”
- “Revise the school as if its an urban site in a com I 4 storyes? = Leave as much of the land free as possible. Car parking minimal or u/neath”
- “Applied skills/elective Areas”
- “in addition to Drama studio + music room - not instead of”
- “Athletic field is a must (maintaining one of the very few football H. school teams is very important), convenience of having the current one so close helps”
- “Applied skills”
- “Textiles program space”
- “Bigger hallways”
- “Less parking - Future Transportation [right arrow] less cars!”
- “Outdoor active space”
- “Note: This is a misleading exercise as no one has outlined what future changes are ie. 3 gyms currently, future state = ? # of gyms”
- “Weight room/s”
- “Outdoor Field”
- “Fashion Arts program”
- “How many leave on the replacement? High”
- “Field (Roof top space not desirable)”
- “1 All are important Arts-Photo, Drama, Music”
- “more outdoor space”
- “Field”
- “Other ranking question: 1. General 2. Fine arts 3. Applied skills 4. library 5. special 6. science 7. athletics 8. Counselling”
- “Other ranking question: 1. applied skills 2. fine arts 3. athletics 4. general 5. library 6. science 7. counselling 8. Special”
- “Other ranking question:1. applied skills 2. fine arts 3. general 4. athletics, 5. library 6. special 7. science 8. Counselling”
- “Other ranking question: 1. applied skills 2. fine arts 3. general academics 4. library 5. science 6. special education 7. athletics 8. Counselling”
- “Track”
- “I believe the textile program deserves special considerations at the present. More generally speaking - a school needs surplus spaces for programs like textiles to develop and evolve.”
- “Outdoor space”
- “Place to drop off students”
- “ALL areas are equally important. The goal of public education should be to educate every child and the whole child. Thus all the areas listed above (athletics, general academics, science, applied skills, special education, fine and performing arts). Every school needs to meet the needs of all our students; no one area is more important than any other; therefore, adequate gym space and auditorium space are needed in the new plan. As the plan is deficient in these and space for the Facshion Design programme the plans need to be adjusted to accomodate these deficiencies.”

- “Having not been given a lot of information as to the amount of space that has been allotted, there would be some other space that could be ranked but I don't have enough information to tell you what that is”
- “Adequate outdoor field space for soccer and ultimate teams as well as track”
- “Field space”
- “Outdoor playing field should be a priority.”
- “Larger space in classrooms”
- “A computer lab”
- “Reasonable sports recreational space (track etc) for students prior to 2030”
- “Extracurricular space”
- “Applied Skills areas”
- “Space for collaboration in hallways during break times. Lockers are safe areas for students. Give the benches tables & outlets.”
- “Outdoor, space and overall downsizing”
- “Textiles lab”
- “Library”
- “Regarding Question 1: Alumni”
- “Fashion”
- “Adequate music rooms for choir, strings, band, and guitar”
- “Football field/track space”
- “Fashion Design Studio/class is one of the best in Canada. This class is unique to the school and requires an auditorium also for annual fashion shows for students to showcase their designs. The auditorium is the #1 facility that needs to be included for all events, musical, drama, to name a few. lose students to cross boundary for these reasons. This is so reid”
- “Textiles lab space”
- “Outdoor recreation space”
- “Outdoor space”
- “Students dinning room”
- “Learning commons”
- “Both my kids recently graduated from Eric Hamber”
- “Applied Skill Bigger space for textile labs”
- “A bigger dance studio”
- “Track and outside space for 3400 students from 2020 to 2030!!!”
- “Field Space - And having to share this lack of field space with other schools for another 10 years is an unfair solution”
- “A mezzanine”
- “fashion design space”
- “Large Fields/Track”
- “Textiles lab”
- “School Store, currently there is The Griff in the Cafeteria, but the size is far too small.”
- “Need auditorium space and more gym space”

- “Computer labs”
- “Create an available football field and oval”
- “Sports fields”
- “Must have adequate field space and track during and following construction on-site”
- “How about keeping the capacity and the field and the track. Order of priority - are you serious? These are ALL URGENT NEEDS”
- “find a transitional area for all schools, because the seismically safe for students is a long project for all schools”
- “More storage is required as the classrooms right now are packed”
- “Please ensure that the new Eric Hamber building plans will include adequate space for continuing the current outstanding programs in sports, arts, and performance. These programs and learning spaces are unquestionably compulsory elements for high school education and student learning experiences. Thanks.”
- “Both are extremely important. Fine and performing art courses need a stage and seating for large audience members for students to share their learning with the school and outside community. Also, as noted in the Dance curriculum documents, one of the curricular competencies is to Perform movement phrases in large-group, small-group, and solo contexts. A stage would have proper flooring to ensure the safety of dancers so that they could perform in large groups. Any other floor surface (e.g. a common area which would typically be concrete) would not be safe for dancers.”
- “Both. We should not be forced to choose. Students deserve better.”
- “Multi-purpose spaces”
- “My main concern is that the space allocated in the new school for the Fashion Design and Technology Career Program is not adequate. According to the present program teacher there will not be space for much of the special industrial equipment presently used. The planned textile lab is less than half of the present junior lab size. If they cannot provide adequate new space why can't the present textile lab, which is in a wing added in 2006, be used by students?”
- “Adequate school size to house Cambie Corridor families - why build a smaller school in a rapidly densifying area?”
- “There needs to be more room for storing instruments as well as an auditorium so the music program can continue”
- “Field”
- “fashion programs”
- “non-academic activities such as choir”
- “Auditorium”
- “The bathrooms are often very unclean, so if it would be possible to hire more janitorial staff or to make sure that there is always toilet paper in each stall/the stall door lock works, that would be absolutely fantastic.”
- “N/A”
- “An outdoor track with field space not sharing with a neighboring school (not waiting until 2032 to get it)”
- “better washrooms - sinks that actually function properly and stalls that don't induce depression”

- “classroom size”
- “Field space for outdoor sports”
- “Football Field”
- “Outdoor gathering space (maybe blacktop or amphitheatre?) for (eating, alt. class instruction, PE activities, socializing)”
- “Space for continuation of the fashion design program”
- “Provide adequate space for fashion program.”
- “2 - lab spaces, maker spaces, design spaces”
- “Arts programs”
- “tennis court / outdoor sports area”
- “art programs”
- “Creative and Fine arts programs”
- “Drama space”
- “With flexible and effective design, there is opportunity to accommodate both more gym space and auditorium space. For example, an auditorium can also serve a classroom in addition to being a performance space.”
- “More IT infrastructure”
- “Auditorium needed, more gym and field space”
- “there should be more applied skills space as some students may not get further exposure to training after secondary school”
- “more gym space and auditorium space”
- “Volunteer coach at this school and coach in community”
- “Running track and playfields”
- “Arts Education”
- “A field that can accommodate a football team!”
- “Cafeteria”
- “Band/Music”
- “Fashion area”
- “Other - space for the drama students. Skills and confidence from drama carry forward into all aspects of life.”
- “Sufficient outdoor green space, more gym space & auditorium space are ALL essential to proper functioning of a school”
- “Better than neither”
- “Both”
- “Outdoor space outside the school. Field space, concrete space for activity (Tennis courts and ball courts)”
- “General Sensory room ought to be larger and not take away for Special Needs square footage”
- “Physical classroom sizes”
- “More field space”
- “Outdoor sports area”
- “Adequate storage”
- “Don't agree with the ranking idea. Both options are important”
- “Football field”

- “Given the demand for entry to EH, the new school should be bigger to accommodate current/future growth. I frequently seen new build that need more space even before it is finished!”
- “The school needs a larger Library to facilitate the needs of the large influx of students coming from the new Oakridge development”
- “Library”
- “field space – rental from other source for the ten year time frame when there are two schools on site”
- “Outdoor field space, specifically la facility for the football team to play and practice on”
- “Both are essential to the programs here at Hamber.”
- “applied skills. the government is encouraging applied skills in terms of trades and technology, so why are these spaces so greatly reduced ?”
- “Both auditorium space and more gym space would be the best.”
- “physical school building space”
- “Proper playing fields and running track that a major high school must have and the current school does have.”
- “Music rooms, fashion design, drama, auditorium, arts programs, applied skills”
- “Not adequate Gym space, Auditorium space or Sewing space!!!”
- “I chosse to abstain from any ranking system because ALL areas are crtically needed.”
- “Library Learning Commons should be larger to accommodate inquiry based learning/teaching”
- “Bigger, dedicated band/music rooms; and playing fields”
- “Fashion design / textiles study space”
- “Outdoor field and green space for kids. I would rank them all as 1- most important (the system does not allow).”
- “more field space”
- “Proper athletic fields and sporting facilities. The students should not lose amenities or programs because of seismic upgrades. BC can afford to seismically upgrade without sacrificing programs.”
- “Auditorium integrated into gymnasium (similar to gymnasiums with a stage)”
- “bigger computer labs”
- “As the Area Standards, as drawn, are inadequate to begin with, none of the proposed facilities will meet the needs of future Hamber communities. Political need should not be put before the importance of getting an infrastructure project right.”
- “Hospital worker”
- “A high school with insufficient space for core non-classroom activities is a disservice to the students. Multiple studies have demonstrated the need for students to participate in vigorous physical activity on a daily basis; the gymnasium must accommodate this. It is especially necessary in the next 10 years while the school loses its primary field and its only running track. Similarly, an auditorium is essential for a high school performing arts program, and needs to be included in the design. 'Multi-purpose' space is simply not sufficient, as it is significantly less usable for performances of all kinds. Finally, Hamber has a nation-leading textiles program that should be fostered with proper space. It would be a huge loss if that program were not able to continue in its current manner due to a diminishment of the facilities available to it.”

- “Science Labs”
- “field space for soccer, field hockey, ultimate, football etc.”
- “Outdoor activity space. I feel the old Hamber should come down as soon as the new one is built, so that there will be outdoor space for the students. Also, an outdoor gym would be great (bars, balance beams, sit up logs, etc. like up in whislter).”
- “We will need outdoor space so you should tear down the old school for more field because the one tiny field won't help at all.”
- “Just an auditorium”
- “More textiles space”
- “Academic space”
- “Outdoor track and field”
- “Common areas where students can socialize (ie cafeteria, courtyard, hall space) and track and field space”
- “Do not use existing school building as a swing site”
- “Learning Commons”
- “It is very difficult to rank these - they are all very important. The Other is room for the Fashion Design program.”
- “Pitting these essential spaces against each other is not in the spirit of Public Education! Shame on you!”
- “Drama studio to match current size; space for fashion design program.”
- “More space for the library learning commons”
- “Clothing and textiles”
- “I selected BOTH options for more gym space and an auditorium because they are equally important and to rank them is an ingenious way to pit arts against athletics. BOTH are essential and need to be supported by adequate space!”
- “Track and field”
- “Applied Skills”
- “Special Education rooms should be well planned out. Accesible.”
- “Outdoor space/track”
- “Why should rank preferences? the new school should not be built on the playing fields. The school upgrade should be done in stages using the existing space at the rear of the existing school”
- “Library”
- “Both an auditorium and more gym space”
- “Multipurpose room available for community use after school hours while the school has use of during school hours”
- “Equal or better track and field facilities.”
- “Accessible gender neutral washrooms”
- “More drama space”
- “Learning commons”
- “Needs more library space.”
- “Both are desirable.”
- “Outdoor athletic field/space”
- “An auditorium is equally important as well”

- “More field space- if the school we have currently is being used for other schools to stay in, then there will only be the turf field to have gym on.”
- “Fashion design space”
- “more gym space and auditorium space are equally as important”
- “Facilities for fashion design, more options for flex spaces”
- “wood workshop”
- “Both gym space and auditorium are equally important”
- “Sufficient school size to meet the population growth resulting from the enormous number of condo developments in the area.”
- “Space for the fashion design program”
- “keep the green fields on Willow street”
- “I would have thought a modern design would include ares that could be multi-purpose - thus allowing all porgrams to co-exist”
- “Bigger lockers”
- “full size locker”
- “outside field space for sports and activities”
- “football field and outdoor sports fields”
- “Bigger foods kitchen”
- “Need to arrange with Parks Board field space for athletic programs while new school is being built and also when Hamber is being used as a swing school”
- “grandparent of a child soon to be attending Hamber”
- “as a grandparent of a future Hamber student I think that an auditorium is essential if a high school has a commitment to arts education.”
- “Fashion Design”
- “A designated area to keep the thriving Fashion program and to support the dramatic arts. Continue with areas to promote physical education”
- “BOTH areas are equally important as is larger spaces for art/music/fashion department”
- “We should be creating a building that provides sufficient space for all school uses, and not pick/choose which is the most important. It is ALL important.”
- “As well as a teacher I am a former student (1979 - 1982)”
- “Need a bigger footprint; An overall bigger school.”
- “This should not be a choice of which is better. All are vital to make education great and meaningful”
- “Both the gym and auditorium are as essential as classrooms. They cannot be ranked.”
- “Track”
- “Perhaps some more library space”
- “General Academics, Science, Applied Skills Gym”

Verbatim responses received under *Additional comments*

- “Regardless I would like the sports programs access to field space to be considered. The potential lack of field access from 2020 to 2030 is concerning as the potential negative impact may have long term program negative results! Ultimately, I want my children to come to Eric Hamber with a continued fully developed sports program”
- “My family moved into the neighbourhood because of the walking access to elementary schools and Eric Hamber High School. Overall I am satisfied with the plan as it addresses programs while maintaining budget spending. I am concerned that the 10 year period with a track and field space will impact the quality of the track program at the school. I hope that the development plan will address an alternate space to use and continue to foster high achievement in the sports programs that rely on the track field and adjacent open field. Perhaps the neighbouring park may be used.”
- “What is the distribution of space like for all the programs? (esp. Drama, music, applied skills, graphics computer labs) I think its important that these programs don't get pushed aside for the other things, as these are all valuable to the sense of school community & belonging here at Hamber.”
- “I think it is foolish to create the new school and continue to use the old school for other [illegible] upgrades. The space will be longerted and not be able to offer students a fulfilling high-school experience. Above all the other issues with the upgrade is the disclusion of an auditorium in the plans. Eric Hamber's auditorium is vital to the schools many act programs which utilize the space. In my time at Hamber my most cherished memories have occurred in the auditorium from band concerts to spending long nights working on the musical. As head of the schools sound crew I rely on the Auditorium for providing a space to learn the technicalities of a theatre production. Without an auditorium students at Hamber would not be treated as fairly as the majority of Vancouver schools with an auditorium”
- “It was helpful to see a timeline and to be more aware of the consultation process thus far. My concerns that remain: why a new build of a long term high school is not funded adequately to at least be comparable to the site we are leaving - lack of auditorium - lack of transparency of what needs to happen in order for more amenities (auditorium, gym) to be put into the plan. lack of gym - my grade 9 daughter already complains of tight gym space I can scarcely imagine what PE will look like in the future Please consider the upfront cost as an investment for the future decades of education”
- “The gym space absolutely must be increased. There already isn't enough for all the blocks to use the gym, and our kids are often forced outside in cold, very rainy weather as there are no other options. Please address this - we need this new school to serve future generations of kids for 100+ years. Also please ensure building/room finishes muffle noise so that the environment is quieter for our children with extra learning needs. The auditorium is also very important for arts programs as well as being able to gather the students for assemblies. etc. Glad to hear you will be staggering the two school start times - the traffic will be crazy. Thanks for the opportunity for input.”

- “Please include space for ALL the programs that are currently offered at Hamber. You did not include info on the fact that Hamber will be a swing space until 2030-2032. Even if a track is added, it won't be here until 2033 or beyond. Smaller class rooms are ok, but space is needed for collaboration, project work, storage, performance. We are supposed to be building global citizens with well-rounded background. Lobby for new are a standards, increased budget, increased space! there will be 4,000 students on the site with no track and no grass-field. Consider building parking underground to free up space for playing fields.”
- "The outflow from Hamber into the professional entertainment business has been historically very strong. Alumni have filled many roles as creators, presenters, and other professionals. All got their start on the boards and in the studios in this school. In a Province where the motion picture business is an economical powerhouse (\$3.78B in 2017) and a city that considers itself "world class" the elimination of an auditorium and reduction in drama/television facilities is staggeringly short-sighted.”
- “Considering the small space for the new building it doesn't allow for much space for the arts& sports. As an alumni, both are important as they got me involved in the school community. Being on a sports team provided so much school spirit and a place to fit in. All my friends were in the arts, and for them it was somewhere to express themselves.”
- “I would like a Bigger gym.”
- “The plan needs to include additional spaces to accommodate the development along Cambie & Oak Street. 1700 spaces will not be sufficient for the catchment as soon as the school is finished being built.”
- “I am aware of the budget on this project, but I've heard the replacement school will be a bit of a down-grade in terms of space, and since there's already so many students here currently, I wonder what will happen to them when they are supposed to move in to the new school. This whole area is pretty massive, so I hope it's being used to it's full potential in terms of space for students and keeping all of the rooms we already have in the old school (auditorium, ALL gyms, etc)”
- “Mood BOARD [smile face] = 1/10 HAPPY 0/10 SAD [three smile faces] 3/10 DEPRESSED [10 Smile faces] 10/10 CONFUSED [six smile faces] 6/10 FRUSTRATED [nine smile faces] 9/10 CONCERNED [10 smile faces] 10/10 ANGRY [nine and a half smile faces] 9.5/10 NO AUDITORIUM?? LESS GYM SPACE?? I SAY NO! SMALLER CLASSROOMS?? NO!!!”

- “The parking lot intended on being built takes up way to much space, space in which more of the new school can occupy letting room for an auditorium to be constructed. An auditorium is absolutely necessary in order for hamber's theatre department to thrive, as well as other departments of the school. By the time construction is finished, less parents will be driving their children to school and instead they'll be biking, walking or taking transit. I'm sad to see such a vital part of the school being let go. Other people in the future theatre department won't be able to access their full potential. As one who is heavily involved in sports, clubs, plays and in hamber's school community in general I am not content with some of the future plans. you really need to reevaluate the final replacement of the school.”
- “In my most humble opinion, I strongly believe that an auditorium is needed. My child actively participates in many aspects of the drama department. She not only passionately pursues acting, but arts such as choir and strings as well. The musical chair and strings concerts all currently take place in the auditorium. Not to mention the dance department. My child loves being on stage in the auditorium, please don't take her burning love, passions and life away. Thank god this will be once she graduates. However I have a 6 year old son who currently loves acting and aspires to be like his sister. It would be a shame to lose such a space. Concerns: The parking lot is almost as big as the circumference of the replacement school, seems like quite a waste of space. I understand that the new gym will be smaller. Why is that? Doesn't sound smart to me.”
- “The school looks a bit smaller than the parking lot. All of the things we need that we have now in the old school should be in the new one. We need textiles, Auditorium, gym space is needed. We need the school to feel like the original prototype.”
- “At #2 said fixed budget. I believe is not written on stone. Can we private community funds raise for more funds and get a bit more to accommodate auditorium and gym spaces and outdoor space for teenage to chill-out. We need to get more close communication with VSB so we can start to fundraise now. Thanks and Thank you for the Public Information Session”
- “I think that the change in the sizing of the school is too small or is gonna be tiny in order to keep spaces accommodating for plans that don't have a auditorium or gym space? I am not from the area but downsizing is what is going on here. The parking lot size is way too big. How are you gonna make a childcare centre with that amount of small space. I don't agree with this change at all. It should be a info session for students. To see what the students think”
- “The current planning is short sighted in respect to needs of students. Currently, the present space is already tight and over crowded in some areas. There is no cafeteria as well as a high demand for gymnasium spaces, large gathering spaces (auditorium) and skills area. A net decrease in square footage is unacceptable!! If there is need for more funds, open the funding models to P3 (Private/public/Partnership) models. This is a legacy project. Given the space I've seen at U-HSU & Magee, the current plan is hopefully inadequate in addressing the needs of a major High School in Vancouver. I would strongly encourage the VSB Board & planners to reconsider the needs of the arts/sports/scholastic requirements of student now & into the future.

Please also submit a report of this feedback in future sessions before finalization of the floor plans are set in stone. Cut frivolous things like a lot of glass/decor/amenities that drive up costs - change these so that a safe/functional school is built - we don't need a lot glass!"


- “Cut the day care space! This has nothing to do with high school education”
- “Surface parking lot is not an appropriate use of land (footprint). Make parking underground & expand footprint of the school auditorium & drama space are essential. Planning for increased population density of Cambie corridor (high rises) and Heather street lands (former transit bus lot) is essential when considering the size (sq footage) of the new school. The 0-4yr childcare centre should not be part of this school but rather encompassed in some of the other land use projects (i.e. RCMP lands) Gyms must be larger sq footage than current gyms as they are currently insufficient in the existing Hamber school. Invest now in the best space. DO not build a smaller sq footage.”
- “It is very important to me that school not only preserve life in the event of an earthquake but that is also usable as a structure (with minor repairs). The small percentage of additional cost to ensure that the building is usable following a major earthquake is justifiable in terms of the huge benefits of having a large, useable public structure for post-disaster response & recovery, as well as protecting the multi-million-dollar investment of tax payers. Second, have project planners considered the possibility of incorporating any elements from the old school building in the new one? If asked, students and teachers and staff may have emotional and identity attachments to some aspects of the school that they remember fondly.”
- “Auditorium I'm doing my part”
- “The new school should be built to accommodate the increase in densification of Oakridge and the Carbie corridor - it should be able to consume capacity for more than the existing enrolment. It's unacceptable to reduce the space for athletics - with the increased densification, health issues around sedentary lifestyles and screentime - we need to make keeping kids moving core to our education systems and form these habits early. The lack of an auditorium will downgrade the high school experience. Performance for music and Theatre, and communal meeting and presentation space should be dedicated in the school. If necessary/possible it could be reused in community. The daycare isn't a priority in THIS space”
- “traffic congestion will be a problem with school on NW corner. Where do kids get dropped off? Also very polluted corner with Oak being a main road. Short term with swing school will be more congestion. Unfortunate that there won't be a track for 8 years!!! There should be an auditorium. This is a downgrade from the current situation. A smaller gym is inadequate. Another downgrade.”
- “Auditorium space is essential for a connected school community. Without it, we have insufficient space for our assemblies, no place for choir or band concerts and most importantly, no venue for our annual school musical. The musical has been a huge part of our schools community for over a decade. It would be a shame to lose that. The musical gives student (like me), a family-like bond with others and a sense of belonging. I hope that this helped in some way.”

- “I do not feel that the 0-3 childcare spaces belong here. That is 1500 sq. ft that should be used for more secondary school activities. 0-3 child care spaces is NOT an appropriate use - especially given the challenges being identified to meet the secondary school needs. Take out the day care and use that space for more programming etc. Setting up parking spots/drop off zones etc. for the child care is also a waste of space. The Minister needs to provide more funding in [illegible] to build a 300-person auditorium in addition to the drama space currently in design. And more funding to a gym space for 6-units of gym!”
- “An auditorium is essential to both functionality and culture being built among students and staff at HWS school. We hold performances, rehearsals, meetings, assemblies, and some classes in the space. Field space is also an essential part. Hamber has the distinguishing feature of being the only public school in Vancouver to have a football team, and other sports such as ultimate frisbee, soccer and track and field use the field and track regularly. More gym space would also serve an important purpose in helping out indoor sports such as basketball, volleyball and badminton remain strong parts of our school community.”
- “more detailed plans required. Not enough info on boards Media reports school will be 25% "smaller" (?) for max. capacity 1,700 students? Will the new addition/wing to school be "saved"/preserved? Will 'old' EH school auditorium be a "shared space" w/ whichever school is on-site using swing space... for how long? Hamber PAC requesting 'area standards' review - is that under consideration? Where will the childcare be located?”
- “From what we heard, it’s not going to be a desirable upgrade. A lot of time we parents wonder where do the designers get the info that school does not need auditorium? What happens to school assemblies? What to do with band programs/concerts and the facts that gym spaces were smaller? Is this an April Fool's Joke? We do (encourage theme) need more spaces for kids to do sports indoor/outdoor. We do want to encourage them to exercise more yet we are taking away that opportunity. We often wonder why is a govt plan so detached from what public is looking for as basic needs. Hopefully there will be enough voices for encourage the govt to re-look at the people's feed back and think again. Not just go ahead as planned despite our feedback. Thank you very much for listening and re-design.”
- “1/ Whilst the school hasn't a terrifically long history, it does have generations of educators and students passing through its doors, some of whom having become prominent citizens. It carries a continuum of memories; hence, it would be outstanding to have a hall or room dedicated to the history heritage. 2/ Some of the space, such as the gymnasium, have been dedicated to teachers who had contributed and are remembered. Hopefully their names will still be borne by the same spaces in the replacement school.”
- “I don't know.”
- “Dear Ministry of education and VSB, My peers and I are quite unhappy with the seismic replacement project and that as of this moment it doesn't include an auditorium. We understand

that there is a "fixed budget and size" but we would like to you to see it from our point of view. The auditorium for one is a place where the drama kids present their musicals that are full of hard work, and passion. Two, charity events take place here like hamber idol where students can pour their heart and soul out on stage. three, the big dance performances put on that are awaited each year. Four, Fashion show is where many of Hambers students can present their own creations. Five, our remembrance day assemblies take place. I believe many of the students here at hamber would love if you could rethink your decision of not providing an auditorium."

- "The auditorium is not only a place for holding our assemblies, it is a place where students express their opinions, thoughts, and talents. With the absence of an auditorium, to many, school would be unsatisfactory. Form some of us, we go to Hamber because of the Theatre program. It is the place where we interact, create friends, and display our passions and talents. We need an auditorium. We need an auditorium because the student body will lose an art. We need an auditorium because without it, is a reflection of the lack of respect and passion the school has for theatre. We need an auditorium because it is important to us - Theatre hamber - the student body, and Eric Hamber Secondary School as a whole."
- "As a graduating student, I am concerned about the lack of field space, auditorium, and smaller size of the building. Erica Hamber is known for the many programs, shows, and extra-curriculars we run. It would be devastating for the community if these programs were to be cut or not run to their fullest potential. I along with the rest of the student body would love to be apart of the planning as well as would appreciate being updated on further plans and notices."
- "As an active student in my final year of high school, I have been fortunate enough to be apart of Theatre Hamber. Though my main area of study is mathematics, the arts are a past time of mine, needless to say, the auditorium plays a large role in the theatre community. Without it, we would not have our annual musical, dance, shows, band and choir concerts, or assemblies. Additionally, it is important to consider the students who are applying to Hamber because of our theatre program and who have heard about the success of our alumni - Katie Findley, Fred Chery, Eric Drysdale, the list goes on. Ultimately, though the final say goes to administration, we as students are actively trying to create a change through a petition change,org!, outcry, and hopefully this letter."
- "Our concern is the overcrowding and lack of certain items such as track, so our child will not have the ability to participate in activities during her high school career."
- "I do not want to miss out on track while in high school."
- "It is disappointing that the track will not be around for 10 years. 2. Also, the school seems small to accommodate the number of students. 3. Eric Hamber is known for it's fantastic sports teams, ie. Basketball, volleyball. It is necessary to have a large gym to foster such teams. 4. It is disappointing that the new school doesn't include an auditorium. The school has an excellent drama program and needs a stage."

- “An outdoor athletic facility space for applied skills - a decent, well functioning kitchen - more workspace for fashion students - Erg room for Dragon Boar - Study rooms - Sanitized and ventilated washrooms - Well organized library”
- “I feel it is absolutely necessary to include an auditorium in the new school. We rely on the auditorium for school assemblies, music (band, strings, choir) concerts, musicals, drama performances, and fashion shows. The auditorium is a necessary thing for the school community to flourish. Hamber has an amazing theatre program that needs an auditorium to perform. An auditorium is 100% necessary”
- “include a track - full sized lockers - include windows facing outside + not facing the halls - bigger gym”
- “more Gender neutral bathrooms track more room for applied skills + extracurricular better music facilities study room”
- “track auditorium dragon boat room (to put the ergs in)”
- “I have had 2 football playing boys come through Hamber Athletics (one is currently attending). Sports create community & belonging for kids as they come together to play a game they love regardless of which "group" they belong to. Kids need sports & fitness more than ever. THEY NEED ADEQUATE SPACE OUTSIDE & INSIDE FOR ALL THEIR PE PROGRAMMING & ALL THEIR TEAMS. The students gain so much from the outstanding PE teachers (mentors & they need spaces to do their high quality jobs. The Auditorium, too, is an important community gathering space for arts minded students. A large space allows for community presentations to the whole school, performances & valuable places for people (parents & students) to connect. Oask Meadows should be used as part of this plan!!”
- “To set arbitrary budget & size without looking at need is ridiculous/illogical. Our system is based on the Greek system - Educate the whole person & develop citizens of a functioning [illegible] democracy. Theatre/physical activity are critical. No parking lot in place of field & bring back the track & oval.”
- “What are the ramifications of having the population of 2 secondary schools on one site ie. When the new school is built & the "old" school is used for students of other schools undergoing [illegible] replacement. There will be a major impact on local traffic, will there be sufficient but [illegible] space for pe activities etc?”
- “As a secondary school - diff district employee, having been through design/build... Please check out Moscrop Secondary Science lab set up = very efficient + lots of light area of refuge for students to have quiet spaces = [arrow down] stress. How can the school generate energy to self sustain? Cafeteria [illegible] Home EC labs connected. colours reflective & contributing to calm learning environment technology advanced.”

- “With the increased density upcoming re: Carbie Corridor & Oakridge redevelopment. I'm not sure of the rationale to build the school is that is sensible than the current school. I think the school will be too small for the # of students in near future. I also believe that a gym is important for students especially as exercise is integral for both a healthy body & mind. The auditorium space is important for the school community as concerts, plays a lot of extra curricular activities that service school life.”
 - “Looking for sustainability - space flexible space DAY care space?”
 - “There is an incredible community of parents + local businesses who are very interested in ensuring the new Hamber is best able to support our students in the future. Clear, inclusive communications to the community that exposes actual hurdles and paths forward is critical to productive support from the community. With an inclusive approach that enables a shared journey towards the best outcomes, financial + political hurdles can be overcome. Please look at us as motivated and capable partners. I say this despite the process as presented in the current info session as I have directly experienced the negative outcomes from insincere engagement while participating in local community boards. Thank you.”
 - “As a grad of this high school, with children that have also graduate here. I am concerned with the downsizing of the space. I was very involved in the music program (5 yrs) and my children in athletics so I do not want to see any degradation of program because there is a lack of space. I went on to receive a Masters degree and I can honestly say the "intangibles" (not marks/academics) is what I treasure and shaped me most of my high school years via participation with my fellow students outside of required courses to graduate. Thanks for considering. Hamber is a precious source (that include the building space where the teachers can do their magic).”
 - “The period between 2022-2030 will be VERY disruptive. While I understand the hesitation for tearing down the old building immediately, children attending in that period will not have access to important infrastructure, including sufficient outdoor space. VSB needs to update growth charts, the estimates for school size are not correct”
 - “The school is very old and hard to find temp. parking for parents. Needless to say, drop off/pick up is as hard.”
 - “The size of new school seems to be too small, considering all the condos being built within walking distance of the school. Please design the new school to be able to add new section upon demand. I wouldn't want to see portables and other cheap ways of adding space, making another maze within the school. Having 2 school on this ground until 2030 is not fair for kids in this school. Why would the kids in Hamber should lose out for kids in other school. The gym space should be enlarged in new school. Especially during the transition. they lose out on field, kids need space for exercise”
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- “Fewer international students. The proposal daycare is a great idea but, the criteria for the selection of children attending the day care should be: 1. Erica Hamber student parents 2 Erica Hamber staff 3 Erica Hamber catchment area”
- “Theater hamber is very important to the hamber community. The drama studio and auditorium are very important for theater hamber. One of my favourite things about the drama studio is the way it's layed out and it would be horrible if it was a regular classroom, because it's a nice break from all the regular classrooms. The auditorium is also very important and it would be very important to have one and it would be nice to have padded seats. The main reason I came to hamber is for theatre hamber, because I love acting. I think you should have both the drama studio and auditorium and even upgrade it to make it even better. I also would like for the school to be bigger and heated. Especially the hallways and classrooms. Thank you for reading my comments. Also a bigger gym because we already don't have enough room.”
- “I believe that a school for the future students needs are not being met with the design put forth. Physical activity and the arts is so important to student health and well roundedness. The alack of opportunity in the gym class for a number of students and no track is crazy. These kids are so sedentary already. They need to move and experience sports. The fact that the school is going to be built for the same number of students. This whole area is in population density explosion. People want their kids to go to a school where they live, not across town, Bigger gym, auditorium, increased student capacity!”
- “I was cast in a musical for the first time this year, but I also make great use of the artistic and name ex. Space. I plan on pursuing the arts in the future and I most certainly am not the only one in the new school, athletics and arts (especially the drama department) will be lacking There is no reason why these spaces should be underprioritized because suitable careers come in other forms, not just academics. High school is a place to thrive and discover more about yourself. Without the auditorium and the amazing drama program here at hamber, part of me would be missing. I spend my day surrounded by indescribably talented people, both students and staff. Let me tell you that these are not the first talented people to walk through hambers doors and they certainly won't be the last. Give those talented students (which consist of many, maybe over 200) a place to shine, and take it from me when I say dream are made on that stage. It's worth every penny.”
- “I want this library to be as nice and spacious as the current one - more field space between 2020-2030 there will only be one small field for our use in between - I wish we could still have the atrium - will the hallways be smaller as they are already congested - please no smaller lockers - also please do not paint the school a hospital [arrow right] all bright white walls it hurts your eyes and is boring”
- “The proposed design is very short sighted. Having no auditorium and smaller gymnasium is short changing our children. It has been proposed that our children can use Magee's auditorium and hilcrest's outdoor space is NOT acceptable. A new school should be a better school not a school of

less. I came to this information session but learned very little. Would have been nice to see what the Flex space that is proposed as a replacement for the auditorium actually looks like. Please listen to concerned parents and alumni. Don't short change our children. The decision you are making will affect many future generations.”

- “Already wrote a letter”
- “I feel it is absolutely necessary to include an auditorium in the construction of the new school. Many school events and concerts rely on an auditorium to perform and engage the school community. It is very short cited to take away necessary amenities for a school community to flourish. Hamber has an amazing theatre program that needs an auditorium to perform. It is absolutely essential. It would be a shame to see the program [illegible] due to lack of space. In addition, with the amount of new construction in the area, 1,700 student capacity will not meet the needs of the growing neighbourhood. It is already at full capacity and the city keeps building & building! Where will these students go? This new school needs to look after the future students!”
- “I heard that the new school proposed has a much smaller gym no auditorium and smaller classroom sizes but none of there information were presented. I don't have an opportunity to review personally on what is being proposed, but if what I heard is in fact the case, I would have strong concern that the new school is worst than the existing school.”
- “The current locker size should remain the same because there is a lot of space required to fit essentials needed for school. Getting rid of the space would only increase the amount of stuff being rammed inside the locker.”
- “Provide auditorium space as mentioned before in matter of support for the music/drama/fashion departments. Full-length lockers as it is more convenient for the students attending (can store more)”
- “Auditorium space for the many music and drama programs - space for Dragonboat club to do workout (Ergometer) - field space, track, green space”
- “Look all good - looking forward to a modern well built building and can be proceed off. [illegible] "past difference" [smile face]”
- “Would like a track, outdoor field. Auditorium room to store Dragon Board equipment (Erg room) Swimming pool”
- “a poem [arrow right corner] Without "Auditorium" an auditorium Hamber's spark is gone, the students who attend will be letting out a yawn, because the events held won't have the same affect the drama community will be completely wrecked! The auditorium is important to me, it's where the musical's held, students singing + dancing with glee and don't forget about the dance shows! not enough space for the kids who tap their toes and what about the fashion program no place for the cat walk, what a scam! Oh! and the band performance! No room for an event of musical importance so, the petition I must sign and i'd like to thank you for your time.”

- “Hamber is known for its amazing musicals and plays, and personally, the drama community is what has gotten me through my years of highschool. The auditorium is the life of Hamber. Without it, the fashion show, Hamber Idol, the musical, assemblies, dance shows and many more important activities won't be delivered and experienced in its same impactful way. The drama department is growing and it would kill me to see that growth deplete because of an unfit space. I can't stress how important an auditorium is for me and everyone in the drama community. I really hope my little brother will be able to attend a school with an auditorium, I want him and his friends to be excited everytime they hear about an activity occurring in the auditorium and be eager to join drama community. Please don't disappoint us and the future generation.”
- “To leave park space on the north side. Have some underground parking stead. DO not take all the green fields away for the new development. Consider the residents in the neighbourhood, & hospital patrons when they can walk in the green fields”
- “Although there will still be a drama studio where (hopefully) plays will be able to be performed, the lack of an auditorium will truly disadvantage our school. I understand that there are other priorities for this new school, but many programs will lose the flare of the program because they won't have a space to share there HARD work. Eric Hamber is successful in every aspect and many students rely on it. Our musicals won't have a space to be performed, our assemblies won't have a place to presented. Our band - choir - dance performances won't have a place to be showed off. This is very important and would be MUCH appreciated.”
- “We need an auditorium because: where else will the school besides an already smaller gym...with even more students gather? Where will the students receive general announcements? Where will the students showcase arts performances? (ex. Dance, drama, poetry in voice, etc.) An auditorium is mandatory to enrich education and support well-rounded students. Will the school be built so that is could be added onto in the future? Why would you put a childcare space where there are many teenagers? If this is a good idea then why do middle schools exist if it's not to create more appropriate space between older and younger students Spaces integral to the Hamber community: auditorium, drama studio, gym The auditorium and drama studio holds many productions of musicals and plays and houses a safe space for anyone interested to express themselves and create entertainment to the community. Give us reasonable solutions to fund an auditorium!”
- “NEED A THEATRE”
- “Students and parents are concerned that there is no auditorium. Students need a stage to perform for concerts, band, strings, musical, drama shows, fashion shows, debates. They work so hard all year long and to not have a stage to perform would be so disappointing for the students and their parents. What are the plans? Will there be a multi-purpose room to fit a stage and an audience? What is a multi-purpose room? Communication to the public what can be done to ease their concerns. This was not an deal forum to discuss our concerns. I was expecting speakers.”

- “It is not up to the standards needed to provide a well rounded education that includes ARTS, ATHLETICS, + APPLIED SKILLS. Students can not get into University without being a well rounded individual. SCHOOL IS NOT JUST ABOUT BOOK LEARNING. Support the Erica Hamber World Championship winning ETERNAL DRAGON dragonboat team-provide team storage space - Auditoriums are the Heart of a school. For meetings assemblies, concerts/plays +school community gatherings.”
- “Throughout my high school career I've gained so much experience, knowledge and good work ethics whilst involved in the theatre department. All students and staff involved in the shows pour their heart and soul into the productions they work on. Me along with hundreds of students and family would be devastated if they had no place to host our events for dance, choir, band, theatre, textiles, strings. The theatre department at hamber is the only reason I attend this school. Countless alumni have gone on to make careers in film and tv which would've never been possible had there been no auditorium to host performance. I believe you should understand the opinions of the students who matter because it will be their school. I don't think you realize how much an auditorium means to all students. Leaving out an auditorium would drive away countless students who are passionate for art. It would result in an endless backlash that would last until we get the auditorium we all want.”
- “I understand it is difficult to manage all of the disparate student interests, green space, seismic requirements, budget, and land, but this school plan is making major sacrifices to what makes hamber be hamber. I am no engineer so I can not offer ideas on how to build this school, that is not my place. With that said the auditorium has been very important to my crucial formative years. It is the heart and soul of the theatre department, which is a part of around 150 students high school experience (along with all of the audience members of shows the department puts on. As a student of 5 years at this school it feels like a slap in the face to see a school plan with less space for athletics and drama while spending millions of dollars. I strongly urge you to reconsider the decision of not having an auditorium.”
- “Would like to see a proposed floorplan beside current floorplan. 1 Oak and 33rd are the busiest streets, with most pollution. Location of proposed building exposes students to maximum noise and air pollution, possibly leading to future health issues. 2 VSB needs to approach provincial government for a change to the area allocation formula. Space in proposed plan is inadequate, given expected high density development around Oakridge Mall. 3 Auditorium is an absolute must for the arts programs. 4 No track for 10 years is unacceptable. Track is used for all phys ed programs and sports teams, including the dragonboat team. 5 Using the seismically unsafe school as a swing space will result in traffic problems during the time both schools are occupied. I would imagine that use of shared facilities will be halved. Already, chaos reigns on regular school drop off times. Add childcare dropoff and safety of pedestrians will be an issue. The bike lane currently on Willow is already unusable due to manic parents during dropoff. I do not feel my children are safe using the bike lanes, which are already narrowed every morning and afternoon by the three school busses in front of the Freudy school. 6 As a member of the public, I feel that I cannot give feedback without a floor plan.”

- “An auditorium is mandatory especially for this school. Eric Hamber have various existing programs and departments that rely on having an auditorium. An auditorium is desperately needed in order to have musicals, which is what Hamber's is known for, fashion shows, assemblies, announcements from special guests and so much more. We understand that there is going to be a gym used for assemblies, but the concern that we have is that the space will simply be too small. I have overheard that our new gym will be the size of the existing small gym that our school currently has. Auditoriums are spaces for mandatory get togethers for the whole school. Because space is an issue for the new model, take out the multipurpose rooms to free up space for an auditorium. The auditorium can provide space for classes to use. Majority of Hamber's departments rely on an auditorium and with out it there will be no space for this kind of involvement.”
- “My biggest concern is the auditorium. The auditorium is used on a daily basis. During school its used for countless assemblies, health education talks during P.E. and for guest speakers. After school theres shows from many different departments, whom which rehearse as much as possible (currently almost everyday for the musical). I've heard that 79.3 million dollars will be spent making the new school, and I know that usually majority of the money is spent on obtaining the land, but we already own the land so I don't understand what all the money is being spent on when the school is going to be smaller. This auditorium would mean the world to me and so many others, I will have graduated by the time it's built!”
- “Where is the inclusion of the DISTRICT FASHION PROGRAM which serves students from all across the VSB catchments? The school needs a track to use during the 10 yrs before the original bldg is demolished. Why is the new school not situated on the inside corner, away from the busy traffic & noise & pollution of Oak Street? The None academic programs should be supported! Not undermined. There is more to life than just Book learning. Students need the athletics, arts and applied skills exposure in order to become well rounded individuals. Will there be enough space all the children that will come with the Oakridge redevelopment in the future?”
- “Personally, from my 5 years of attendance at Humber, I have noticed that students prefer to sit on the floor by their lockers than in the cafeteria. It is my opinion that more space should be allotted to areas for special programs, such as the auditorium as the auditorium is a space used by multiple unique programs. The sewing/textile department fashion show, the annual musical, numerous assemblies, and concerts are held in the auditorium. the reduction of the size of such a space (or the deletion of it entirely) would be detrimental to these programs! That is why I believe more space should be given to the auditorium, and less to a cafeteria. Thanks”
- “The loss of the green fields due to the parking lot is very devastating to residents who live on the North side Please leave some green field space. I understand the row of trees may remain, but it was green space for park walkers and children to run around. Please do not take away "all" the fields from that North side Please also consider the [arrow up] of traffic and noise from new parking lot. Please have a smaller parking lot, or another small parking lot in another section of the new development”

- “Please have local residents involve with sessions especially the households who are located directly across the New Replacement location & parking lot development. It is a very drastic change for the residents who are living in the neighbourhood, yet very little information was given to them. Please in the future, involve parents, students and local residents with information sessions. Local residents were not involved in the Oct or Nov 2018 information/engagement sessions that were held in the school. Concern with traffic on Willow st in future The loss of green fields please leave some spaces of green fields where the parking lot will be built.”
- “I really liked being a part of Eric Hamber's footlights program, so I hope there is a big drama studio. I also hope that the gym is big because I have had some fun times in P.E. class and sports teams. The auditorium too, because I really enjoy the winter and remembrance day assemblies.”
- “I think that extra curricular activities are a crucial element of any high school experience and the fact that these activities would be put in jeopardy by the current upgrade plans greatly worrisome. The auditorium at Eric Hamber currently holds our extremely highly valued school musicals, which I have been part of for the past 4 years and have helped me make friends, improve my fine arts skills & quite honestly helped my mental health overall. If a space such as this were not to be present in the new school I would be devastated, and so would my fellow cast and our crew, which involves around 100 people. Putting our thriving theatre department at risk would be a great detriment to our school community as a whole. My experience at Humber so far has been a great one, because of theatre, and I would be absolutely livid if this experience was taken away from future students. We NEED an auditorium.”
- “No auditorium is unacceptable. In today's world communication with each other is bearing non-existent. Having an auditorium so that students can engage with each other is very important. How will students even in the same grade cant engage with each other. How can gyms not be included into the plans. If you want students to exercise there must be enough gym space for all P.E. classes at one time. 30 minutes of daily exercise is emphasized and yet you don't give access to gym space”
- “I think that more space should be allotted to an auditorium because I have enjoyed working on the musical & fashion show there in the past. It would make me very sad to see them go, and to think that future students would not have the opportunity to experience such pleasures. In addition, I would like more gym space because I also have fond memories of playing on the girl's basketball team, I sure do hope you take my notes into consideration.”
- “2 - Gym space should accommodate 6 concurrent blocks or classes. 1 - Auditorium is a must. 3 - cafeteria space must exist. Computer labs & classrooms should be set up with smart boards and/or built-in projectors + screens in sofas as budget permits. Include more consultations once difference gym + auditorium + cafeteria options are available, perhaps allow stakeholders to vote for preference(s).”
- “Traffic congestion Main entrance to school. No 33rd bus here at this site. Please check bus route. If 33rd bus route travel all the way on 33rd it may help ease some congestion.”

- “The school absolutely requires an auditorium. It is vital to the enjoyment of the students and the benefit of the school as a whole. Various activities and departments take place there (choir, theatre, textiles, band, strings, assemblies). Events that make use of the auditorium make money and are loved by students, family, friends, and the community as a whole. Without an auditorium all the passionate students who love their crafts have no place to create, perform, or express themselves. I only came to this because I saw the outstanding theatre department. I've made so many friends through theatre and without an auditorium to hold our musicals we'd all have no voice, no drive, no outlet. It disgusts me that the VSB would consider killing the lives and passions of all the young, bright, artistic students.”
- “The Auditorium is one of the best things at this school. It's so important and used for almost all programs at Eric Hamber, where would we hold our FANTASTIC school musicals? Where would there be choir performances or band performances dance performances? where would we have assemblies? or fashion shows? Although there could be other places these things it wouldn't be the same and out school would be so different without. I don't want the future kids attending this school to be robbed of the experiences our auditorium would have given them. I have spent so much time in this auditorium and have fallen in love with the musicals, dance shows, choir performances, band performances, and fashion shows it has provided for my entertainment. Many kids who have been in these have gone off to be so successful and even famous. I can't image my school without an auditorium. After working hard on a play or musical in the drama studio or auditorium then exiting back into the halls feels like a different world because it's so important and magical. Please don't disappoint the students that go here now, the teachers, or the future students.”
- “how come there are no Ministry officials here to defend their decisions? It makes you question the sincerity of the consultation process why would a new school have few, smaller amenities than the existing school? How is that planning for the future why would you spend \$80M on a school with inadequate gym and arts facilities? Where's the logic? Is it the ministry's, school board's position that kids don't need outdoor space? There will be no facilities for at least the next 15-20 years”
- “1 All schools need a balance of space adequate to meet the needs of the diverse community of students that is present in all schools 2 Being asked to say if one aspect is more important than another is divisive and not helpful 3 An auditorium is essential space for a variety of reasons but mostly for the need for a stage for musical drama production and other performances. It is also an important space for assemblies, parent meetings, etc. The community needs to be able to gather”
- “Please include a sports field, Eric Hamber has always been known for it's great sports program + track. I would be ashamed if this is taken away from kids.”
- “Thank you for allowing public feedback on this important project. Please include an auditorium!”

- “The theatre program at Hamber is wonderful and provides tremendous opportunities for students. The school is known for its musicals, and because it has a large drama studio, it is also able to offer a significant number of productions each year, giving students more opportunity to perform and work on crew. Without an auditorium, so many aspects of Hamber's school identity and spirit will suffer. Band, c hour, fashion shows, talent nights - where will these things happen? A gym is not the same as an auditorium and will not provide a venue in which the talents of the students can be adequately showcased. Not to mention important school-wide events. The fashion design program is another Hamber gem. How will this program be maintained without adequate facilities/ *The new school should not be smaller than the existing facility. To plan for this is folly. The province needs to step up with the budget + space allotment for the school. * My son's high school experience has been focused around the drama program. It's given him passion, solid learning, and community. The next generation of Hamber students needs this too!”
- “Find ways to increase the Provincial and City revenues. The omissions need to be included, cafeteria, sporting fields, an auditorium and a large gym. Find ways to cut costs and include the omissions. Often times further work with suppliers, and the entire construction process can result in substantial cost savings.”
- “The gym space in the present school is already not big enough to accommodate our students for their physical activities. There are only maximum three groups of kids (10 to 15 people) can play in the gym after school. Every time I go to the gym pick up my kid and it is always crowded. A good size of auditorium is very important for our school as it provides a great connection between parents and students and teachers. The auditorium should be big enough to seat 600 to 800 guests. The school uses the auditorium for the student's musical performance, fashion show and assemblies. Every time the auditorium is full whenever school activities are conducted there.. Parents are so happy to come and see the students' performance. We feel like we are part of the community when we join the students with their activities. Please consider the health, future and overall wellbeing of our kids for the next few generations. Build a school that our kids will enjoy the most. Thanks!”
- “I feel that it is quite unreasonable that there may not be an auditorium in the future school plans. Our school is one many people want to attend and for many of them because of hearing about things like the fashion show, the musical, poetry in voice and others. All things that will not be continued without an auditorium. Not only is the auditorium for extra curricular activities but also a necessary meeting space. It is purely unacceptable to not have an auditorium.”
- “Planning appears rushed. Why is an auditorium and adequate gymnasium space and space for the highly-regarded fashion design program not include? The drama program is also well-deserving of accolades and Hamber has a strong athletics program,. Leaving out adequate spaces for all three is a slap in the face for students + teachers who put so much time and effort into them. If cost is the only reason for these omissions, pleas provide solution. The parent community is strong and willing to assist if allowed to.”
- “Safe' is more than seismically safe. Traffic + health + overall wellness need to be considered The engagement was not clearly defined as per the IAP2 spectrum. We are unclear whether we are

being informed, consulting etc. 2 cohorts of Hamber students + this community will 'absorb' as swing space for other schools NOT ACCEPTABLE!"

- “The school climate & legacy of the school has not be fully considered in the replacement project. Staff + students are very dedicated & proud of their school & mostly importantly they fully use spaces like the gym, auditorium & textile lab continuously you can come not only after school but evenings till school is closed at 10 PM working on yearbook, practicing on teams or for musicals, theatre TedX, clubs, etc. This proposed plan will stifled the creativity & not help students work to their full potential. The build should serve the community of learners & fit their needs. Certain areas like tech studies & textiles need space to safely house their supplies & equipment & still allow enough space for students to work in. More consultation is needed for all to build a better understanding of the needs of the school & all its users.”
- “It is very important to have non-academic facilities. Nowadays, there are a plethora of extracurricular-academic sources. Tutor programs, S47 programs, online resources are all frequently used by students already. However, things like textile rooms, wood working shops and art studios are much more difficult for students to access. I know for certain, that a very large percentage of students love exploring different opportunities in high school. High school is a great period of time to explore these interests, when most students do not have the pressures of paying bills for the family. It would be a shame to undervalue these unique opportunities. Good luck to your team, as we all understand, you folks have a very difficult task ahead. Best wishes.”
- “Please ensure that your next info-session to the public is much more progressive than just discussion and a quick survey. I hope there will be more information the public will be able to learn. Most of your representatives provided open ended answers which was quite disappointing. Have any of your representatives experienced a day in the life at Hamber? Do you have representatives who specialize in any of the following program areas? How much impact does the public opinion even make? If you read this, email at [REDACTED] to confirm you have received my concerns”
- “The curret plan available to the public does not answer many questions that we have. The plan does not have at least a general idea of where classrooms, elective space, the gym and other areas will be. The plan also does not show a layout and spaces showing where all the allotted metres are going. The plan shows a parking lots that is more than double the current staff parking lot which is unnecessary. I also feel that the idea to use oak meadows for the time being is unsustainable for an outdoor space. The track had football games, soccer games and the Grade 8/9 track meet, the school will be without a track/outdoor space for at least 10 year. I fee; that the plan is not transparent enough and there needs to be a more concrete layout of the school for the public to make an informed decision.”
- “The theatre program at Hamber is one of the best in the city it needs an auditorium! The fashion design program at Hamber is also one of the best in the city - it needs an equate space! It's crucial that we retain and enhance what we have rather than reduce and potentially lose what has been built up over many years IF money is the issue - and it always is LETS FIND MORE MONEY!”

- “Awesome that you are rebuilding the school +1. The information at this session is pretty sparse. I want to make sure that at every opportunity we are informed when decisions have to be made. Ideally be given a chance to provide input at all stages. Don't want VSB making decisions behind closed doors. There is historic precedent of this happening. The school will be here for generations any decisions made might make short term sense but we should be planning for future needs. Population growth is one factor but the needs of society and making sure that the students that are graduating in the future are able to find suitable employment and opportunities should be prescribed not short term views.”
- “1 Logic of using EHSS swing space for current students from building upgrading school projects is terribly flawed. i.e. Moving your kid to an equally unsafe space makes no sense. 2 Young adults require unprogrammed + unstructured + non purpose-driven space to grow socially + psychologically [right arrow] your plan 'over programs' learning environment. 3 I don't expect to part of the decision, but there is no transparency about the path to a New Build vs Seismic upgrade of current EHSS. for this community, Low trust. 4 The focus on sq. footage + 21st century learning environment will restrict the potential for other future possibilities. eg. The choices and decisions of future students + teachers will be severely limited, simply because of the limitations of the physical plant. Gathering all Junior Grades for worthy peer community events? Nope [right arrow] we don't have space. Debriefing on a traumatic world event as w school? Nope we don't have space. You will be impacting not just the space/classroom but the actual learning + develop of a school community by parceling up space. 5 The timing of this high profile project creates a real optic of new govt looking for a flagship project. Are we the most needy? or most splashy?”
- “Current gym size inadequate for current student population, so building a gym that's smaller doesn't make sense - very short sighted Auditorium is required for many programs at Hamber: Band, strings, drama, choir & school assemblies. No auditorium will negatively impact these programs that make Hamber such a great school. Hamber's Track & Field program & other sports program will be negatively impacted until a proper track is available again. If Hamber is next higher at risk in case of earthquake, when other kids come here for temporary swing space, wouldn't they be at higher risk?”
- “I'm interested in the many programs Hamber has to offer based in the auditorium and they're the main reason I want to attend their school”
- “The auditorium has been essential to my positive high school experience. The theatre and fashion programs, as well as band and choir, wouldn't function the same (or at all in cases of concerts and shows), without the space. I have experienced community and sense of belonging year after year through the musical, which would not be possible without the auditorium. I believe it is a huge mistake to not include an auditorium in a new school - an auditorium stands for everything education should be hoping for: community, togetherness, encouragement, and communication. Auditoriums are multi-use spaces that have immense value for a high school.”
- “Shared and lands on space seem limited and will hinder students growth overtime. For example, auditoriums are necessary to bring the students together, which I think is important Applied skills, trades need significantly more space to work with as a textiles student graduate. I have spent

many years in the sewing room, and I think it would be discouraging for students to if they did not have the space to apply their skills creativity.”

- “1 Apply Green Energy Efficiency Concept? 2 Will it be flexible to expand to anticipate future growth of the population seen in the high rise new buildings? 3 Why include daycare? 4 Auditorium, fields and Gym Spaces are to be expanded instead of reduced in sizes in the new school.”
- “I believe the size of the school will be too small now and into the future. More spacious building is needed that will accommodate more gym space and an auditorium. I believe having a daycare in a high school setting is inappropriate and uses vital space needed for high school students. I believe using the old school for 10 years as a swing space is too long. This term of swing space use should be shortened to a couple of years so that Hamber students have proper outdoor activity, sport and leisure space for their health and welfare.”
- “I am greatly concerned about the decreased space at the new school. What will happen to all the programs that depend on the space. Once programs disappear they don't return. This will affect generations to come. There is such lack of regard for the educational experience for our children. Time committed to clubs, sports and extra-curricular activities and special programs like Fashion, art and Theatre can only enhance their experience instead of allowing them more time to spend on their devices.”
- “Outdoor field space - priority over auditorium - if you want to promote healthy lifestyle living, students need opportunity to participate in school team sports, difficult to do if less gym space + field space. Auditorium - a space for performing arts if you take it away, what is their option? If you rent space in the community, it will cost more in the long run. (scheduling flexibility if you have auditorium at school). If you want to encourage students to be well rounded, a place need to be provide to do so...gym + field for sports, and auditorium/studio for performing arts. Each department needs a sense of place so if you don't include any in the plan, you are essentially cutting these opportunities + programs.”
- “Where are the sketch plans? There was no sketch plans with the exception of a general site plan. 1 Attack rumour that the is a net loss of auditorium & gym space it cannot be verified. 2 There is external atgrade parking = absolute no, no. 3 The track & field is not w the budget and therefore will not be built (it would be tremendously expensive) Don't waffle. No rear substance. Little for visitors to comprehend. No one seems happy [illegible] critical. I am too.”
- “Every person is only specializing in what they know. - no one seems to give the whole picture. There were other options for the school - how was decision to rebuild approved - why couldn't public decide on other options such as partial rebuild or partial innovation Is the swing school option a motive for district use versus value/impact for Hamber. Too many students if swing school exists. Not happy with plans - electives + PE suffer”
- “it is important to include an auditorium in the new school. My daughter will attend Hamber in the

future (currently @ Wolfe) and as a kid who love choir + music + acting, these programs are key to her wellbeing. And an auditorium is necessary for gaining performance experience in a professional-type environment. I attended Hamber & it was the theatre program - and the performance opportunities - that make a challenging adolescence a positive experience. I want this for my daughter - and all kids like her. Honestly, if Hamber is re-built w/out an auditorium I will look into options to send her to Tupper (which is our second closest school.)”

- “What will the class sizes be compared to the amount of class space if classrooms are smaller. Will there be a pick up/drop off area on 33rd Ave? How will it affect traffic on that street? Why the separate "International Education" area?”
- “I think the reduction from the current footage to the proposed is too much of a cut. The entire area (and the city as a whole) is increasing in population. This is a very popular area for people to settle in (Oakridge Mall development, skytrain, Caulie corridor improvements, hospital, etc.) I don't understand why there is a daycare. With all the new development, daycare and new similar services will be available closely - no need to incorporate this into actual school footprint/site 33rd and Willow is already seriously congested. What is the traffic plan for 33rd? A turning lane?, signal?, walked crosswalks? if maximized allotted space is being affected by surrounding space (teach parking lots, etc) can we modify these areas? We are encouraging active transportations - bike parking/facility to minimize vehicular mode to school 10 years w/o a field is way too long between old + new school. Gym space, if reduced, would challenge availability of teams + practices to be utilized. Also rentals after-school hours will be lost revenue. Would like to see site plan (building plans = what will be the 'look' of the new school?”
- “Considering that a number of feeder schools (Carr, Wolfe, Cavell, Simon Fraser) are at/above capacity, will there be enough space for all those kids to attend Hamber? What about if those schools are expanded, would there still be enough space? This "Information Session" would've been much more informative if there was more info about the square footage being allocated and about how that square footage compares to the current school”
- “I am unsure of the amount of space being provided towards the various program areas - while there are a good variety of spaces listed. That says nothing about the size of the spaces or how the spaces will be used. I feel that the spaces for unique skill programs need to be planned out to provide the maximum learning experience for the students as applied skills are a big part of what made the learning experience fulfilling at Hamber.”
- “I believe having a space to gather is important and also a space that is acoustically appropriate for drama and music productions is key! Vital! Necessary! Please. Our fashion show is a major event as is our musical.”
- “Theatre Hamber is very important to many people is it's important [illegible] the drama studio is up to date and large enough for productions. An auditorium is also essential for assemblies. Hamber has high-level sports teams and already have troubles with booking available gym times, so if the gyms get any smaller it will compromise our teams from practicing and winning. Our

musicals are a big deal to all of the students, so having an auditorium is still very important. Another concern is having to share one turf field between two entire high schools. The parking lot is also exceedingly big. and it would promote has emission instead of students being encouraged to switch to cleaner transportation which would also solve the existing traffic problems. Hamber is like a family, so please put all of the departments into considering”

- “This school is known for it's drama studio, and extra curricular activities. The drama studio, we have right now is very special because of the seatings. I rather have the seats then just cherse. If you change the seats the culture behind the studio will vanish. the room makes you feel welcome and if you change it many people will be disappointed. If the room isn't the same it's just like a normal classroom. The room is beyond just a classroom, it's a place people get rid of their feers and get to know one another. It is a place where students really find out who they are and you can't take that away from us.”
- “The drama studio is important to many people and it should not be combined with the auditorium.”
- “1 The future facilities should be at the same level as before eg an auditorium is pivotal to a school with a theatre program/music program 2 The allocated parking space is way out-of-line with future needs/urban transportation. In 10-20 years this will be an even greater over away of personal vehicles.”
- “I'd like more open areas and communal spaces such as the central areas of Magee and Kits. It's something Hamber's really lacking. Auditorium is also super important.”
- “I feel that is it really important to have an auditorium for the musical and/or strings and band concerts. We need an auditorium for school assembly's and fashion shows to go on, and would make it easier for the students and staff at eric hamber. Hamber has an incredible strings, band, and fashion program which can not go on without an auditorium.”
- “The length of time our kids will have to share space with other "swing" schools is very long. 10 years Unfortunately my kids entire High School career will occur during that time. Why not stagger the site used as swing space? Use Hamber for 2 successive schools; and then another new build site for the next two to go. Most families make physical activities a priority outside of school. Few can also afford to, or have the inclusivation to also provide fine arts/theatre/visual areas exposure as well. We rely on our education system for this exposure. For this year I think the auditorium and dance/studio, FASHION DESIGN program should be priority over more gym space - charging teachers to park their cars could pay for an auditorium. Every other profession I know has to pay for parking. Why not VSB staff?”
- “Decrease of the overall square footage of the school does not support the approved city plan for growth in the area. Given the focus of the city, below market rental % [illegible] housing will bring more families back to the area. The increase of 200 students from today to the future does not support the housing/development plans for the near future. Program areas listed should be

expanded to "Best in Class" to ensure the best possible education for future generations and should adequately support the teachers. What was missing from the poster boards was a specific "what we have today", and "what is planned for the future" new school specific to each program the goal/objective of each school should be to create the best environment for all students, regardless of where their unique strengths lie."

- "Concern about how the existing school is going to remain in operation at the same time a new school is under construction - impact on traffic, neighbouring single family residence. Not keen on the location of the new school so close to 33rd + Oak Streets. Support for child day care facility on site - much needed in our community."
- "We need an auditorium, bigger lockers, and also more gym space"
- "I was extremely surprised to find out the new school will not have an auditorium. How is that even possible? Instead of building a school which would enhance the programs available right now this replacement project has eliminated some of the best characteristics of the current school. The decrease in size of the gym space and outdoor space is unacceptable! During the 10 years in which Hamber will be used as a Swing site the approximately 3,500 students will have a VERY LIMITED outdoor space. That really concerns me. I have a daughter currently at Hamber and a son starting High School in 2022. It really bothers me that he will have a very different experience than my daughter is having at Hamber. It really concerns me that that many kids will be in such a small area as well!"
- "The population density of the Erica Hamber catchment area is going to increase substantially with all the development in the area - the Cambir corridor, Oakridge and the HeatherLands. It is shortsighted to cut back on the facilities available at the school. The theatrical productions are important for the students and for the community The auditorium is used for other purposes such as assemblies and even public meetings & other events. Hamber has excelled in athletics so it seems that it will be detrimental to have a big reduction in gym and field space at the school. I hope some serious consideration will be given to connecting these deficiencies."
- "The province, VSB & City of Vancouver have failed to take into account the future increased density in the area: Oakridge Mall Site, cambie corridor, etc. It is shortsighted, which is fairly typical of the VSB. Focus less on international students! Focus more on the physical engagement & artistic development of the students"
- "I Believe that an auditorium is important for student life in and outside of school life. Currently the auditorium is used for student plays and band concerts, both of which are extremely important for development."
- "I have serious concern regarding the 69 capacity childcare facility being included in the built plan. The school grounds should be specifically for Erica Hamber not for childcare. 2. The population increase from the property development on Cambie and King Edward will mean an

increase in the need for capacity at Erica Hamber. By reducing the size of the school from 21000 to 15000 sq metre does not make sense. 3. Erica Hamber is known for its strings program If the auditorium is removed, where will the performances for acts and music take place?"

- “When it says "replacement of following programs" including "Applied skills (home economics)" does this include the present "Fashion Design Program?" I understand space is proposed to be reduced, what will this mean for the program? My daughter, currently in grade 8 wants to do the Fashion Arts program offered at Eric Hamber. Please ensure there is adequate space for her to have a good instructor and keep the program going. My daughter is planning to go to Kwantlan University for "Fashion and Technology" program - she needs to meet the requirements by doing the program offered by Erica Hamber. She will be graduating in 2023 - the first year of grade 12 class in new school. Is there the possibility of using the Fashion Arts rooms in old school to supplement the limited space in new one?"
- “The information session would be more useful if it showed more detailed plans comparing the current school's layout to the proposed school's. As a Hamber alumni and currently employed VSB teacher, I believe the loss of the Auditorium, Gym Space, and playing fields will have a very negative effect on current and future students. One of the best features of Hamber is the number of diverse programs the school offers. With what I can see of the proposed plans, many facilities will be lost that are very important to the school. Losing the third gym space limits the number of facilities to teach PE classes and run the Athletics program. The same issue happens when not replacing the playing fields. It is worth the extra cost to keep Hamber's diversity.”
- “I believe that an auditorium space is essential for any new school development. Without it several different school programs and important extracurricular programs will suffer. These include Drama, Dance, English (Theatre), the Hamber musical and fashion show, and special events. One fond memory of my time at Hamber was watching the annual musical. In addition as a former Hamber athlete, I worry about the lack of field space from 2022-2030 and how teams - particularly football and soccer will be affected by lack of playing space. Additionally, whether PE programs of any significance will be able to flourish in the limited gym space.”
- “Local traffic - people & vehicles Use of space on the road, volume of traffic. The lack of green & field for students to participate in outdoor sports. Even when it is available in the other site after completion of project, where will the students go in between their time gap? Auditorium is important for concerns, assemblies, shows, info. meetings etc. Absolutely needed Classroom space should not be compromised”
- “Building something new should improve on the existing. What is proposed is a disservice to students (Past, current + future), staff, parents, and the community. The proposed new school will not be adequate for educating our youth to become well rounded individuals and future members of this community. The loss and/or reduction of facilities for sport, fine arts (theatre/music), textiles is embarrassing and not in the best interest for Hamber students as well as the students using the space in transition.”

- “I have concerns regarding the childcare space - too many children & youth for the same space that has been provided for 1700 for many years. Children & youth for psychological needs - require green space which looks like is evaporating.”
- “A childcare is not necessary at High School, especially taking 1,500 sq. The space should be used by high school students, it is more useful and important than a child care center. Most parents whose kids attending school at Eric Hamber will not have 0-4 yrs. siblings. It is pretty useless to them. The gym and auditorium space should not be sized down or removed because high school students need space to keep them health and social with their classmates and friends.”
- “new schools lack of auditorium, shrinkage of the art, athletic and applied skills spaces reduces student opportunities harming their futures”
- “Hi they ran out of sheets, I am shooketh to my core right now - I cannot believe there is no auditorium planned for the new school Excuse me? Do you know how many programs use the auditorium? Firstly the school musical is in the auditorium annually, And also Hamber idol a CHARITY singing contest. Where shall it be held if not in the auditorium? TELL ME? Also, our award-winning fashion show? Would you like that in the cafeteria? Um, no. And, not to mention the assemblies! The solemn remembrance day assembly - where would that be held. Please, see fit that an auditorium is in the new school for the sake of these [arrow right corner]”
- “What measures are being taken to maintain athletics programs that utilize track and field space - now allocated for construction? Eric Hamber is the ONLY Vancouver public school that offers a tackle football program. My son and many of his friends chose to enroll here school for this reason. Where will the team hold their practices and games during and after construction? I am unable to attend the information (Friday Jan 11 '19) please contact me via email with this information.”
- “I'm concerned that the new building won't have the resources to construct adequate structures for fine arts and athletics.”
- “I understand the need to be frugal with resources. In the case of Eric Hamber - I simply could not imagine this school without Auditorium. No other space in this school pulls together students, teachers and parents like it. The events that are held in this space are a big part of the identity of this school. I would imagine that the athletics program has a similar influence on parts of the school population. By not providing the spaces, these opportunities will be lost for generations to come. This seems very short-sighted. We owe future generations to plan this very carefully and provide the opportunities. It is easy to understand why Arts, Sports and other extras like textile are hard to argue for - they don't seem to add anything meaningful to our children's education. Seeing these young adults on stage for the last 7 years for various events and noticing the changes in my children, it is easy to argue that nothing in their core education would have given them the opportunity to grow as a person as these extracurricular activities did. Future generations need fully developed citizens - giving our students the space to develop is the least we can do for them.”

- “News letter can be written or translated into other language like Chinese, so that the non English speaker or reader can easily get involved into this project to express their ideas and concerns.”
- “I don't think enough consultation has been done in the initial planning. There should be more details about what kinds of space are planned and we should have received this information earlier.”
- “I found the question on panel #8 at the info session ridiculous. As stated in #3 above - asking the public which area of education is more important is akin to asking which is more important to a human person: their eyes, their ears, their mouth, their legs, or their arms?? It is an erroneous question. Also - what is going to be done with this information? If the public says Science does that mean there will be more Science labs? If the majority say athletics does that mean area will be cut from the fine arts and allocated to athletics? Surely we should not be allocating space in school based on public opinion but rather good pedagogy - which is educate the whole child and every child thus requiring all of the facilities necessary.”
- “Secondary school provide the education for the fully energized teens. It is very important to have enough exercise and gathering space inside and outside for them to play or meet except good academic education. It may work to combine gym and auditorium space together with proper seating assembly moving away easily if money and space could be manageable.”
- “Please do not take away auditoriums from new school builds. Children need to explore theatre that is now too costly for most parents to take kids to on their own. They need a space to showcase talents. They need sports gyms and fields to exercise and play sport. They need to be allowed the opportunities their parents had in schools. The pressures to excel in academics is so strong and kids are becoming unhealthy stressed mentally increased suicides and genuinely sad. By Hamber losing the ability for those less academic to focus on fashion, sports and drama you are robbing kids of well rounded education. Please don't do this to these kids”
- “We need to be more forward thinking. An auditorium is essential for all arts programs and will be sorely missed.”
- “The tackle football program should not be compromised.”
- “I would have liked to know much more details around what is planned for. For example, How can parents comment on 'more gym space' when no details are given to compare existing space versus planned new space.”
- “Very little info on specific space currently being planned (gym space etc). We just know the space will be smaller but we don't know what that means.”
- “An auditorium space is critical to the performing arts program. A large public space can be used by the entire school and the community. The history of musical theatre productions has been an

important part of the school's identity. Without a proper performance space a large production would be impossible to take on. Our band and choir concerts would have hundreds of participants. I can't comprehend how this would be handled in a 'convertible' space .”

- “There is insufficient information on the size of the school and the amenities available for the students. This should only be the initial stage of the consultation process. Once a group of contractors/designs firms have been shortlisted, there should be additional consultations done with the groups impacted the most by the proposal. As an alumni of this school, I want my child to have the same access to the amenities this school currently offers that I had the benefit of receiving. Based on the proposal as it stands, I'm very disappointed that this will not be the case. Having this many teenagers packed into such a small space is not ideal for learning.”
- “With the Cambie corridor growing , why is the total space decreasing? Is it the idea of the govt that private schools should be priority?”
- “It seems that the 69 spot daycare is taking the space where the gym and auditorium space should be. Looks like the government is keeping election promises at the cost of high school students! And where/how are these parents supposed to drop off their children when they're competing with >3000 high school students on the same property? It is already a gong show for transportation around the school. It seems completely u fair to reduce the current high school space and require an elimination of current curriculum. And no outdoor space for over a decade?! How much do the Hamber students have to give up for the rest of the community?!”
- “Too short sighted. Less school to accommodate more population.With the Cambie corridor development, Oakridge etc. There will be more population moving into the area. How will this be accommodated future growth? The school will be too small before it is even completed.The government is promoting the trades and technology, but the applied skills areas are cut back greatly from their present sizes.”
- “The lack of auditorium space greatly concerns both many students of the school as well as myself. As president of student council, an alarming number of students have addressed me with their concerns surrounding the lack of essential, widely used spaces such as the auditorium, library, etc.”
- “Traffic flow, drop off zones & secure exit/entrances.”
- “Safety of current school being used to house other students when it's already been deemed unsafe. Traffic congestion is currently bad, an additional 1500 students driving to school and being picked up/dropped off will be worse.Lack of space for future population.Lack of outdoor and indoor space for healthy physical activities, sports”
- “The Cambie corridor is being densified at a rate not seen anywhere else in the city. The current plan is to have the same number of students fit in the new school. Seems a bit short sighted as there continues to be increasing demand to attend Hamber. There is no capacity for future growth.”


- “I found that everyone I spoke to tonight: consultants, Vsb, city staff lacking in info and defensive. Not a positive experience. Lack of transparency.”
- “This school needs to be at least the same standard as the ones in the East. Hosting basketball tournaments are great so the gym needs to be sufficient and large enough to host. If space is a problem, and auditorium needs to go (this is a place for music concerts I suppose) then at least have the space in the multipurpose room with a stage. Check out Riverside Secondary at Poco. Their space is not huge but the gym is big. It has bleachers too!!”
- “School should be larger and not smaller when planning for future growth opportunities”
- “Open house regurgitated information previously publicly available. Nothing new of value was presented to the community. It is unclear to me if the development plan factors in future expected population growth in the Cambie corridor area due to redevelopment in Oakridge, Bus Barns, and the former RCMP grounds. Redevelopment should be an opportunity to improve a valuable piece of public infrastructure - especially to ensure that our future generations are educated in a suitable environment. I do appreciate the ability for the community to submit input.”
- “As a student at Eric Hamber, I believe it is important for me to express my opinion about our seismic upgrade. I was only able to attend the info session today since I had musical rehearsal that kept me at school until a time that the session was running. A majority of students didn't attend since, frankly, it's easier to not come back to school to hear about something that won't affect your high school experience, or they were unaware of it. Still, I think that it is important to hear the voice of the people that can speak from present-day experience about what is important to them in their high school experience. I request that you have a proper assembly and a mandatory feedback form about this issue, since this will be affecting students in generations to come, and many will be their siblings. This way you will have a clear view on the priorities of students at Eric Hamber, and how you can change the plans for the school to suit the target demographic. As for myself, I am a theater kid. I am extremely passionate about students having the freedom to explore different opportunities within their high school experience, and I think that is one of the most important lessons that high school has to offer. By taking away an auditorium from the new school, you take that opportunity away from thousands of children. I know that without theater, and the proper place in which to express the art, I would've grown up much more self-conscious, shy, and lonely. Theater has changed my life in a way that nothing else could have, and that opportunity should be a requirement in any learning place. While looking at your layout plan for after the demolition of our current school, I noticed some spare space between the new oval and parking lot. Please consider putting a small building or portable there to be used as a storage room for gym supplies or a practicing space for plays and music. The new school in plan is considerably smaller than ours currently, and it is imperative that the most space is utilized to its maximum potential. This space especially could be used for things that got left out in the cold for the main building. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.”
- “With all due respect, the seismic replacement project should have more planning and insight from students. I would say that I have learned more valuable life lessons on the football field than

I will ever learn in school, and I know many other students have similar experiences whether being sports or drama related. Reconsider not building an auditorium and playing field.”

- “I can't believe that an auditorium is not part of the plan for Eric Hamber. They need this for drama, music, design classes and various other events. This is so small minded of the school board to exclude an auditorium of all things. This space is so vital for so many aspects of a students lifeline during the school. The auditorium is a special place for students for important events. A larger gymnasium for 1700 students is vital, and the track of all things (at this day and time) needs to be included in the plan.”
- “Hamber is known for all of their extra curricular. Especially our athletics, fashion design, and drama departments. Taking away those spaces take away the ability to practice and learn these amazing skills.”
- “If the government is encouraging DPA (daily physical activity) how can reducing the gym and taking away the green space support this? At present at the school there isn't enough gym space for the number of current students. If it rains, this is even more challenging. Also, if Eric Hamber is deem a seismic priority, why will they continue to use the original site as a swing site? Moving the students from an unsafe school to a another? That makes no sense! Lastly, the traffic at the school currently is congested, particularly before and after school. How will this be managed with double the numbers on both sites and a daycare? One only has to visit the current site to view the immediate traffic. Has this been done by anyone who was at the meeting last night? Consultants, VSB, City of Vancouver?!”
- “The school upgrade should match with the local residents increase and future needs”
- “please have an auditorium, its just sad that students in the future wont fet one and experiece amazing time performing on stage and thats just such a shame to take away such a wonderful high school experience for them. also please include a very very small room for the dragon boat team for them to put ergs in to allow them to do their workout and trainings please and thank you”
- “I understand the need for the school to be built within the many constraints. However, as a student who has grown up in Vancouver and has attended a vsb school since kindergarten (and is graduating this year), I believe that the auditorium is an integral part of what makes a school a student body and community.”
- “Concerned that the only public school football program is being disrupted. Another field closeby should be allocated.”
- “Give us more goddamn space”
- “Doesn't seem to plan for future generations.”
- “Just a quick and dirty and cheap fix. Bc students deserve better.”

- “My main concerns are 1) lack of Auditorium and 2) the 10 year swing site plan. 1) The auditorium is currently being used regularly by the school. It makes no sense at all that a new, modern school would be built without one. Hamber currently offers some great programs that regularly use this space - is this a sign that the VSB plans to cut back even more? I sure hope not... 2) The swing site - I understand the need for a space for future seismic upgrades, but why Hamber for 10 years? This is unfair to the students that they have no adequate field space while other schools get to come and go and enjoy their new schools while Hamber students are stuck in an already crowded space - for 10 years! And never mind the traffic that is already overwhelming in that area with the one school running. Note as well the French school traffic as well. Please consider rotating this with other schools so Hamber can have use of its track and field space soon after they are done. Or build on each school's field just as you are planning to do with Hamber. That way each school will only have to deal with going without a field during the duration of the build. I just ask that you consider the impact it will have on the students of Hamber and to be fair.”
- “The Auditorium is an, in my opinion, extremely essential part of a school's environment. It not only serves as a dedicated meeting place for the school during assemblies, but also as a great place to host a large quantity of events, while providing a better quality of said events than would be possible without one. It is also the current heart and soul of the fine arts department at Hamber with many different shows and presentations happening in it throughout the year. I feel that lack of an auditorium would greatly hinder the school's ability to showcase their various departments.”
- “More gymnasium space would allow for more flexibility in programming. A lack of an outside track area is concerning. Traffic will be a nightmare both during and after construction. Does the school capacity account for future enrolment especially with Oakridge redevelopment?”
- “I am so disappointed we will be spending 80 million dollars on a school that is smaller than we have. We need an auditorium as well as a larger gym. Has the government not seen the Cambie Corridor housing plans?? There will be more condos & town houses built in this area as single family homes are coming down. How can you possibly build a school smaller than what is there. This is ridiculous. Where will all these children go to school? We are building more housing, but no more schools in the area. This new school will be full before it's even complete. Elementary schools in the Cambie Corridor are busting at the seams. There is a waiting for in catchment children to get into kindergarten at Edith Cavell Elementary. We need a larger school with a larger gym, auditorium, a proper field for football and a track. Build the school properly, don't waste 80 million dollars on a school that is smaller than the existing one. I am so disappointed in the plans, the VSB and the provincial government.”
- “The loss of the auditorium and gym space in particular is a huge loss. There is inadequate gym space for the current existing student body as it is, with planning and shuffling and students going outside even in cold and rainy weather, or doing gym class in the cafeteria space. Hamber is known for its musical theatre and the arts are an integral part of a well-rounded high school experience, as well as being an essential component of high school for some. It seems very short-sighted to plan for the loss of a high school auditorium in a school population of this size. In addition, the textiles program is an important part of Hamber's identity and should be retained

with adequate and appropriate space to accommodate the continuation of this program for the ongoing benefit of the students who go to Hamber.”

- “An auditorium is EXTREMELY important. I cannot stress that enough. It is used for a myriad of purposes. For example, Eric Hamber has a robust theatre program which involves a huge portion of the student population in all aspects, not just as a performer. Students learn skills in lighting, sound, crew, stage craft, publicity, front of house, etc. The school does an exceptional job of providing students with a variety experiences, extending their learning beyond the classroom. If our goal is to foster well-rounded individuals who are engaged in their learning, they must be provided the opportunities to explore and discover their interests. The omission of an auditorium will not afford students this opportunity.”
 - “In order to prepare students to be well rounded citizens, opportunities need to be provided for students to explore, learn and grow in a variety of areas. Hamber is a comprehensive school, providing the breadth and depth in a number of areas for its students. This is possible due to its teachers and the appropriate facilities available to deliver the programs. The new school is just too small to allow Hamber to continue to do its job effectively. Having to select one area/facility over another is not acceptable. Efforts and funding need to be made to meet the needs of ALL program areas to a more acceptable level.”
 - “It is not logical to cut the auditorium. Each time I have visited the school for various functions, it has been hosted in the auditorium. Further, this would impact the drama programme, and parents' costs. If there is no auditorium for band concerts, drama productions or choir, we parents will have to pay high admission costs to some other venue to see our children perform.”
 - “A new school should not reduce what the existing school already provides. An auditorium is needed for band, plays, musicals, community/school meetings etc. Larger gym space is needed to promote physical health for future healthy life styles. Can't the VSB obtain corporate sponsorship like universities to help with the cost?”
 - “It is essential to provide enough space to house for extra curricular activities. While it may be more efficient in the building process, we need it consider long term situations. Eric Hamber students will not have a proper oval, or football field for probably a decade, and it is unreasonable to cut out an auditorium and create less gym space when those are two main things Eric Hamber is known for. There is no doubt that if the VSB is unable to provide for the needs of the students, parents will apply to a school that is.”
 - “The new upcoming Oakridge e development will be bringing many more students to the area. This school does not allow for an already overloaded district. Football field? Where will that go. Is the football program at risk? Hope not.”
 - “Children should not lose auditorium, gym space and sports fields due to seismic upgrades, it should not be an either/ or option.”
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- “This project would kill Eric Hambers Football program, the only public high school football program in Vancouver. The future of that program must be considered before the construction begins.”
- “The open house was ridiculous. How can people stand up and think this will improve learning for our children. Safe school seems to be at the expense of adequate learning environments. The area standards are unacceptable. Reducing capacity in a growth area of the city is short-sighted. Eliminating critical learning areas including auditorium is unthinkable. Where is Minister Fleming. Time he comes and hears this first hand. Time to stop the poor planning and #GetSeismicRight”
- “It is time the VSB and province paused and got this right. The proposal is absurd and compromising children's learning. Safety is important but look at the stats. The likelihood of a major quake is almost non-existent. The likelihood our kids are impacted by short-sighted building plans, cut programs, no fields and track is very high. Let's get it right - safety should not be at the cost of education.”
- “information provided not very well consider the change in this area. Very short sight.”
- “It is essential for a school to have good gym and an auditorium. These facilities will enhance student overall student learning and experience at Eric Hamber”
- “Why are we taking things away like the auditorium and gym space the current school has and not building it into the new school. Who downsizes when the population grows? It does not make sense!!!”
- “I am past pac chair from hamber. I was chair for 7 years and on exec for an additional year. Both my children attended gr 8-12 (grad 2011 and 2014). They were heavily involved in Dragonboat and theatre.Re: the open house. The consulting firm could not answer any of my questions at the open house. It was very disappointing.All students deserve to have a full and robust public education that is funded by the provincial government. In times where that is lacking, I expect my elected officials at the board to strongly advocate on behalf of students, staff, families, and the community.I want to see auditorium, field big enough for football, a track, storage space for equipment, space for fashion classrooms, gym space to meet the needs of students. Anything less is unacceptable and a disservice to everyone.”
- “Are we rebuilding Eric Hamber or simply building a new school. Eric Hamber students need appropriate spaces for both physical activity and performing arts. We shouldn't have to choose! School culture matters! Some context would have been helpful for those new to Hamber. For example, why is the school community requesting additional gymnasium and auditorium space? The link to this survey should also be more accessibly via the VSB website.”
- “My daughter is in grade 8 and is scheduled to start taking courses for this program next year. This is a unique program in Vancouver and as far as I am aware, is the only program that provides the necessary prerequisites for post secondary study in this field such as at Kwantlen University. My daughter is specifically at Hamber to take this program. I am extremely upset that adequate space

is not provided in the new school for it. The idea of having a daycare facility on the roof also strikes me as ridiculous.”

- “This is a poorly worded survey. The first question was a best option not a ranking question. The question on sufficient info should have been broken down more. Ideally there should have been more comparisons between what Hamber currently has to Area Standards and enrolment information. Timeline and next steps would have also been appreciated. When will potential layouts be available?”
- “The smaller size does not seem adequate for the growing Cambie corridor schools. These kids need to attend their neighbourhood schools. Children should not be re-routed to another school.”
- “I realize part of the problem is the area standards set up by Christy Clark that have not yet been revised, but given that newly built high schools in Victoria are allowed to have auditoriums as well as space for music, art, drama, and sports I fail to see why Vancouver students should be asked to put up with a lower quality of education. Also, having no sports field for ten years while other schools use the old Hamber building is unacceptable. The other school undergoing seismic upgrades should use portables until their schools are built.”
- “No disrespect to the representatives at the open house night but the displays weren't helpful to visual future spaces.”
- “A seismic replacement should be exactly that, a replacement of everything already in place in the current building.”
- “I am sure you have heard this before, and I am sure this will not be the last time you will be hearing it. The auditorium needs to stay. Over my three and a half years at Hamber, that place has always been there, whether it's for the fashion show, the strings concert, the dance concert, the choir concert, grade-wide information center, etc etc. It has been used countless times, and I cannot imagine a new school without it being there, cannot imagine where all these things will be held if not in the auditorium. You will be robbing the new students of the experience. I may be graduating in less than two years, but just thinking about a school that normally holds 1500 students, and students having to brush shoulders to get through the hallways, shrinking to an even SMALLER size, if I were a elementary student looking to enroll in a high school, I don't think I would pick Hamber.”
- “The current plans seem like a downgrade from the current school; removing major resources that Hamber programs need. Hamber's elective programs (drama, band, textiles, etc.) require resources such as an auditorium which is not being included in the upgrade. These programs are what differ Hamber from other schools. They are strong programs which students are interested in. For being the most expensive seismic upgrade in Vancouver, the results are underwhelming.”
- “Eric Hamber is known to be a school that provides a wide variety of programs to their students.

By not providing adequate gym space or an auditorium for the current and future students, takes away from the astounding reputation Eric Hamber has. Opportunities would diminish for the students in not one sector, but two. (arts and athletics) Compared to neighbouring schools, Eric Hamber would be lacking, as well as those departments. Hamberites work very hard to excel in these areas and by not having the space prevents us students from reaching whatever goals we pursue. These spaces are also multi-purpose, not designated for only one set use.”

- “Please listen to the community and put pressure on the MOE to change the redesign plans to get this seismic project done right. It is so frustrating that we have architects and city planners who design master planned communities, and yet we fail to give our kids the 'master planned school that they deserve.”
- “We need an auditorium. Hamber is known for their performing arts, and without an auditorium students won't have a space to showcase their abilities. We hold musicals that students have poured themselves into there, and we can't imagine not being able to have that opportunity for future generations at Hamber.”
- “Eric Hamber is well known for its art programs. Well facilitated art departments especially for the performing arts and textiles are important aspects of Hamber and should be carried on through this replacement project. These programs would not be possible without an auditorium for fashion shows, musicals, dance shows and many other school events. Hamber will no longer be one of the top school's parents think about when choosing high schools for their children. And in turn, Vancouver will suffer as the millions of dollars spent into this new Hamber will be for no one. There is no Hamber without Hamberites.”
- “You can't get rid of the football team, or any other outdoor teams. We have to be accommodated during this time of construction of our school.”
- “At minimum, the replacement project should replacing the same learning spaces that presently exist at Hamber; nothing should be decreased in size or omitted.”
- “Cutting programs because there is no space in the new build doesn't make sense. This will hurt students for decades to come.”
- “The two priorities of Gym space and auditorium space are vital (almost equally) to the current culture of education at Hamber. I teach social studies, but run clubs that work in the auditorium and have students who are involved in the music and drama and dance which put on professional style shows that offer valuable experience for the creative arts and communal activities and shows. The PE department is the most committed and well run I have ever seen in a high school. They need space to keep the program running and to improve it, even at the expense of my personal teaching or prep space. Tech can compensate for book storage space now. Hope this helps to build a school that is not only better than the original, but enhances what we already do well. Thank you for the chance to have some say. [REDACTED]”

- “We want our children to stay healthy by encouraging them to do more exercise. How can they achieve this when we don't have enough gym space? Secondly, having a bigger auditorium would make sense for the size of the school. This will also enable kids to participate in Drama to enrich their lives. The Gym and Auditorium should not even be a question or negotiation. This is a must have for all school. If Budget is the issue then the District should make an effort to find ways to fund and build the school suitably for the future of our children.”
- “It would be a shame to lose the fashion design program. The drama department is also such an important area and should not be compromised.”
- “Give enough space so the fashion and athletic programs aren't cut.”
- “This school is being built for the long term. It has pursued LEED design. LEED is for the long-term - there will be no chance to re-do this build. It will support generations of students and graduating classes. When we look at the long-term future of our city, we know it is growing. We see the catchment feeder schools for Eric Hamber bursting at the seams - many of the kids will come from a portable experience - with insufficient gym space, gathering spaces, learning facilities, music programs, arts programs, etc. All because they are in schools that are simply too small and were not designed with growth in mind. We see the city densifying. The demand for Eric Hamber will only grow. Beyond that, however, is the crazy mentality that community/creative spaces such as auditoriums are non-essential and the gyms and sports fields are nice to have. Opportunities to gather together in the auditorium - listen to guest speakers, intake the values and philosophy of the school from teachers and administrators, support and witness other students preform and entertain, watch student debates and student organized events, welcome new parents into the school, invite and involve the community in school life are foundational and essential to a meaningful education. Education is not strictly academics - it is about creating critical thinking, engaged, community minded, healthy and active students. The leaders of tomorrow. If we don't approach our educational buildings from this philosophy, the students we graduate will have missed the opportunities to grow in so many ways. It is unacceptable what is being proposed. We can't sacrifice the community and health components of student education to save \$. This kind of thinking will continue to drive families and students to the private education system.”
- “The contracted facilitators were providing misinformation. Further, they were merely doing PR work and deflecting questions. Overall, the VSB personnel tried to answer questions but I found they either: a) lacked information and thus provided vague responses which really meant nothing; or b) were afraid to say anything concrete that might actually be useful. The selection criteria for the childcare facility should be in this order: current students who have children; teachers and staff who have children, the general public within the catchment area.”
- “Space is at a premium in Vancouver and there are ways to make even more use of the available space.- supply tennis courts that can be used for other sports as well - badminton/pickleball/basketball/volleyball/handball. In Alberta they flood these surfaces and use them as community skating rinks. Obviously this is not possible in Vancouver but the idea is

sound.- Put the parking below grade so that additional space is available for development (such as the multi-sport surface noted above). - make a partnership with the Vancouver Parks Board to facilitate use of the building outside of school hours.- electric car parking”

- “After attending Eric Hamber myself many years ago I'm happy my child will have the same opportunity . I'm disappointed that my child will not have access to the same facilities. Since the new curriculum promotes collaborative work we must create spaces where students can collaborate and share their learning together as a community. If kitsilano high school's project was able to include these shared learning spaces, with the vast amount of land on the Eric Hamber site, there should be a way to include them at Hamber also.”
- “For \$70M - apparently the most expensive seismic project in city history, we shouldn't be getting a reduced, stripped down version of Hamber Lite.”
- “A seismic upgrade should not precipitate the cancellation of valuable programs or activities for any school. The current plan, as incompletely presented at this session, would do just that. To fix the budget of the project without a clear and agreed-upon project scope and and set of requirements is completely wrong-headed - no business process would ever work in this direction. Preliminary goals, scope of project and design parameters should be publicly available (in detail) before public consultation and then published as revised before any detailed design or request for quotes is tendered. Few of the relevant details were presented or made available at this session. If it is true that ministry standards do not allow for an auditorium and adequate gym space (what was shown seemed clearly inadequate) then these standards are a huge problem. No modern high school should be built without an auditorium or enough gym space to actually hold all of the classes required, and whatever standards are in place should be sensitive to the culture and needs of the specific school. It seems clear that this has not been done. I also question whatever process concluded that the school population target should remain at 1700. The Cambie corridor and Oakridge areas are currently undergoing substantial densification and will continue to do so (especially if the Oakridge redevelopment plan moves forward). It seems remarkably shortsighted to assume that there will be no increase in high-school-age students when the catchment population is projected to increase by as much as 10,000 over the next 10-15 years (6000 by 2025 in Oakridge alone). Hamber could become as oversubscribed as the Yaletown elementary school was when it opened. I would appreciate further contact if anyone can answer these issues [REDACTED]”
- “An auditorium is essential. A Gymnasium is not suitable for assembly or performance. Have you ever been to a school in the Vancouver district without an auditorium? I'm assuming there isn't one. Humanities and arts are as important to the growth and education of our youth as science classes.”
- “Please ensure that there is enough classroom space and capacity for future growth of the school population”

- “To whom it may concern, I am a parent of a child in grade 8 at Eric Hamber, and have a grade 6 child who will also be attending Hamber in a year and a half. I am writing to express my significant concerns about the Hamber Seismic Update project as currently planned. Firstly, Hamber has thriving music and drama programs which rely on auditorium space. Currently we have an auditorium that is heavily used, including for school assemblies and performances. I feel it is terrible to think of building a high school of the size of Hamber without an auditorium and request that it be included in the projected building. Secondly, the gym space will be severely limited. Currently PE already spills out of the Hamber gyms into other spaces. To restrict the gym size even more would significantly impact the school, and directly affect the health and wellness of its students. As a physician parent, I support the prioritization of adequate space in which students can be physically active. Thirdly, I am concerned about the downsize to overall space allocated to Hamber - which does not take into account the rapid growth and development in the surrounding neighbourhood (such as the Oakridge village). I would request that the anticipated student population numbers be studied, with careful consideration of current and upcoming development / densification projects. Finally, I ask that the plan for that the Hamber site be used as a swing site for other schools be reviewed. This will dramatically impact the Hamber students, their families, and the neighbourhood. Traffic is already very bad around school start and finish, with resulting safety concerns around very difficult access to the school for emergency vehicles. Use as a swing site also means that Hamber will not have reasonable field access, which will negatively impact the quality of our athletics program. I ask that you review these concerns and those raised by others, and modify the current plans for the Eric Hamber rebuild. Respectfully, [REDACTED]”
- “given the increasing density of housing in the area the school should have the capability to grow / add on space in future if needed”
- “Sports and the auditorium have always been a big thing about this school I don't see why we should cut such a big part of it, these places hold meaning there shouldn't be a reason to get rid of them especially for the students who will be following my year and onward”
- “This is a big school and will continue to be big with the densification of the surrounding area. Consider the future when Cambie, Oak, King Ed, 41st are all densified. This school now barely has adequate facilities for the programs it runs. HOW CAN ANYONE JUSTIFY REDUCING THESE FACILITIES? Furthermore, this school can help service the neighbourhood for community events as well. Its central location in Vancouver and near public rapid transit should also encourage those making decision to ensure that Hamber is a school that can be a meeting place / facility for entire school district events / tournaments / concerts, etc...Reducing these facilities at Hamber demonstrates an incredibly lack of vision and lack of awareness of the needs of VSB teachers, programs and the greater community. Please please please don't screw this up. If you want an example, go check out Hillcrest Community Centre. Too small and limited in space as soon as it opened.”
- “In order for students to have the potential to succeed, they need the required space such as room for an auditorium and gym that we currently have now. If these are removed or limited in

space, future students who attend this school won't have the opportunity for development in subjects such as those involved in acting, band, strings, athletics, and team sports. These are extremely important to past students, current students attending Eric Hamber, and future students who may not have the chance to experience this amazing space we have now. Please. Don't remove the auditorium, and don't limit gym space. These have posed as a significant aspect of my life, and I can't imagine future students not having this.”

- “Given that the district is given a fixed budget and size, I do not see the logic of taking space away from the students to add a daycare centre. The students would benefit more from a large auditorium than a daycare!! An auditorium is a necessary space that theatre students use to perform their productions, the band, choir and strings programs need an auditorium to perform their concerts and the school as a whole needs an auditorium for their assemblies. The students DO NOT NEED a daycare!!!!In addition, why is the school going to only accommodate 1700 students? There are massive housing projects going on in the area - Cambie corridor, Oakridge mall, and hundreds of units being put up in the old transit loop (41st & Willow)... Hamber will not be able to accommodate all these new families in the neighbourhood. This is extremely short sighted. Either the city needs to stop all new development in the area, or the government needs to plan for the influx of people. The new plan for Eric Hamber just does not make sense.”
- “In addition to the shortsighted program cuts (which would destroy music, drama and sports teams) the idea that other schools could use the old hamber site is CRAZY. Traffic would be unreal, dangerous and thousands of kids on site would mean no fields or space for anyone. Go see the traffic today on any given morning. And you want to have two schools on site concurrently???”
- “We would like to see how VSB spending the taxpayer's money on this replacement project. Such as all contractor tenders should be open to public and let the Hamber Secondary communities to decide which contractor budget is more in line and agreed by the PAC and School communities. We have know one particular builder who could build this project within 9 months with the building materials that are Earthquake, fire and water proof material same as the Vancouver General Library; and the cost is 30% less than the traditional building material. VSB should be more transparent with its construction contract tender to who to handle the project.”
- “I'm a grade 10 student attending Eric Hamber. Me and my friends are very concerned in regards to wether there will be a field for us to practice and play the sport we fell in love with. I feel that it is the VSB's duty that they keep in mind the up and coming football program coach Gibson has created. This sport has allowed hundreds of kids develop strong friendships and bonds with one another. Beyond that it's a sport that's physicals demanding and keeps students in great shape even within the off-season, with weekly workouts. I have been involved in the football here at hamber for three years and the fantastic coaching personal have already taught me priceless lessons in the sport and life. For a lot of players at hamber this program is helping them become responsible young adults. Please update coach Gibson and take into account the players and coaches of this team before reaching your final decision.”
- “Having an auditorium is crucial for any high school. There are art and fashion departments that depend on the auditorium to showcase any students work. If there is no auditorium future

students would not have the chance to showcase and discover their talents during their teenage years. These programs have also created lots of experiences for young students.”

- “More lounge/relaxing areas”
- “An auditorium is a very important space in this school. It's where we are able to express ourselves. Every year, band, strings, dance, school musical, choir, etc perform there for our school. They share something they've been working very hard on and it's so enjoyable to watch and to perform knowing that people who are watching are enjoying it as much as you are performing. I hope you take this into consideration.”
- “Sufficient gym, Outdoor Fields and auditorium space is critical to a highschooler. Please ensure our kids have sufficient space and considers the growth in the community”
- “Please take the time to weigh the benefits of space for indoor athletics (let's face it, the rain hinders outdoor fitness for more than half the school year). Also, I am hoping you can find a way to provide a well rounded space that includes an auditorium for the or the drama /dance and music students. Every child should have the opportunity to perform. It is incredibly hard to imagine a school that does not offer such a basic outlet for children to express themselves.”
- “In speaking with staff at the Jan 11 information session, some indicated it was too late while others indicated it was not too late for subsidized teacher housing to be considered to be built above the school (along with daycare space) to mitigate a potential teacher shortage crisis in the VSB. Information that would have been helpful to have seen/heard: 1) the capacity limits (ex: number of people who can effectively work and learn) on the site specifically with respect to the proposal of having two school communities onsite from 2022-2030. 2) Ministry requirements for green space per student, 3) traffic capacity (currently not enforced and dangerous), 4) population projections, 5) existing program facilities including square footage as reference points (ex: % change) 6) statistics on field space usage by school community and parks/public”
- “Providing the students that will go to this school with equal opportunities that we have is integral to helping develop a strong community”
- “The school should plan for an auditorium. Magee has a nice auditorium for performances. If money is spent to build this, it could be an income earner for the school as it could be rented out when not in use.”
- “I don't like that we have to choose between movement and performance spaces. They are both equally important.”
- “The auditorium and gym are the heart of the school community; Hamber is a school where every individual matters so all programs need to be fully resourced. Hamber can be a flagship school for the province and worldwide model of engaging learners and appreciating diversity of cultures and traditions in addition to highlighting pedagogical and community innovation.”

- “With all the condominiums going up along the Cambie corridor, how does it make ANY SENSE to go to the trouble with a rebuild but to rebuild it SMALLER than the existing school? There is no thinking ahead here. It's absurd. First Cavell, now Hamber - can someone with some sense please rethink this?!?”
- “We need to build a school that is going to accommodate for the future and not just a quick fix!”
- “Auditorium is important public amenity as are gyms and outdoor sports areas, as they are used by the whole community. They are important to make school more meaningful for kids”
- “I am a student that is involved in both the fine arts and athletics at hamber and both play a very important role in the culture at hamber. The only reason why i came to this is school is because of the theatre program here. Without the theatre program and the facilities to run such a program, i would've applied to a different school. The extra curricular programs that eric hamber offers are truly what makes hamber unique and special so if you get rid of those programs by taking away the spaces for them, you are taking away a huge part of the school. Students need facilities like these to escape from the stresses of high school and in a time when technology is affecting our day to day lives and replacing human interaction, we need these programs more than ever. These programs also improve a student's mental health and one would think the vsb would want to help their students improve their mental health. We need a track and field and proper gym space so students can be physically active. Taking away these spaces is taking away opportunities for students to be healthy and lead healthy lives in the most crucial stage of their development. Thank you for considering my opinion as well as many others.”
- “The interim period that Eric Hamber is expected to share field space is unacceptable.”
- “More space.”
- “How is the construction affecting the students who are attending school during the construction? What are the noise level, Safety concern? It was not mentioned at all in the project.”
- “With the capacity planned for the new school, it does not seem like enough considering the new Oakridge development, which will add 100s more to the amount of students within the catchment area.”
- “VSB and Ministry of Education is only looking at the Short Term, the inadequate design of the new Eric Hamber will hamper learning of students for decades. Small Gym, reduced outdoor space (replace greenspace with parking lot!!!!) no textile area, no auditorium! Terrible design which needs to be revised. You get one chance to get a new school right! You are failing.”
- “Considering all the development that is and will be happening around Eric Hamber (Oakridge, Cambie, Bus Depot etc.), I feel that 1700 students projected for the New School is on the low side. I would hate to see portables within the first few years of this new school.”

- “Kitsilano Secondary is the closest comparable new school. The auditorium is supposed to be rented by the community. There is also a community center adjacent to the school which can provide space for rentals, fitness, ice etc. The auditorium is used by so many departments. We need a space to house two grades of students (about 600) for large assemblies, events, shows etc.”
- “The school replacement feels like anything but. The building is being replaced, but all the facilities contained in the current building are not. We often talk about engaging students, and helping young people grow into valuable members of the community. Athletics and the arts provide young people with a sense of community and help them grow into well rounded citizens. The elimination of these programs - and make no mistake, the reduction in spaces for these valuable pursuits will see these programs disappear - will have a profoundly negative impact on the school, and our greater community.”
- “Very little if any concrete information was given on last Friday's open house. I remember the track and field next to it was often flooded when I was growing up, and I heard from different sources that this area used to be a stream and that the runoff waters from the surrounding area pools here. We've had the track drained and repaired many times in the last few decades. Why is the new school smaller when there is so much development in the surrounding areas. The school will be too small before it is even build.”
- “The traffic around Hamber area will become very jammed due to multiple schools inhabiting the same block. What solutions are being thought of for this problem?”
- “There was insufficient involvement of Eric Hamber Secondary staff and students throughout the whole process.”
- “Why are much older schools like point grey, john oliver, van tech or Churchill not being eliminated but Hamber is? There are buildings all over Vancouver that dont meet today's seismic standards. How unsafe is Eric Hamber exactly? This needs to be discussed and the engineering report should be revisited and a plan should be made to upgrade the existing Eric Hamber instead of replacing it with an inferior school. Additionally using it as a 'transition' school for who knows how many years, flies in the face of it being deemed unsafe. Its a great school, with great facilities and lots of space. Every effort should be made to save it, instead of replacing it with an inadequate school.”
- “As a Hamber Alumni and current Vancouver area resident with high school aged children, I am wholeheartedly disappointed with the current seismic 'upgrade' plan being proposed. It is unacceptable for the gym space to be downgraded so drastically. It is unacceptable for the areas for arts, music and drama to be reduced. My experience of having these spaces created amazing opportunities for building my confidence and that of my friends. Secondary school is meant for these kinds of benefits. It shapes a person after all, and high school is a foundational time of every person's life.

- “It is a disgrace that again we are putting our students in a place where their right to a proper education for the future of our city province and country at risk because of a few dollars and a government that refuses to listen to the commonsense and out rage of the parents students and community of Eric Hamber!!
- “I think it is critical that a school be built right the first time when one considers the amount of money earmarked for this project. I do not understand why a new school is being considered that would only house 1,100 students when currently there is a student/staff population that is significantly greater. At the very minimum there should be the same space available (gymnasiums,fields,auditorium etc.)as exists currently.”
- “Very little information regarding how traffic, parking spaces, loss of parks for residents who live around the area. Feels there is no consideration for how it affects residents who live directly across the new built school and the old Hamber school. Should have meetings specifically to allow more input for residents and ask them to be involve. Have someone or a small team from VSB to dedicate to neighbourhood input and concerns, and act as contacts for residents. Also a translator in Cantonese will help. Can the new building/parking lot be in the tennis court area or behind the existing building, leave the tracks and fields for residents, hospital users, and public. The existing school may still be around till 2030. Therefore, traffic congestion has to be considered.”
- “New school is smaller than existing building even though student population will remain about the same.-Concern that new school will lose the existing school's ethos of strong academics coupled with vibrant music, drama, fine arts, and sport programmes.”
- “Hamber's greatest strengths are it's drama, textiles/fashion, and music programs. By not providing an auditorium and by providing greatly diminished facilities and greatly reduced square footage for those you are providing you are doing a huge disservice to current and future students, to the Hamber and VSB legacy in performing arts and fashion, and are driving students into the private system much more effectively than even the Liberal party did. ALSO: holding an information night that was staffed largely by people who don't have children or who have children who are so young they're not in the education system yet and who thought that parents would be placated by 'spin' was an insult. We are adult members of the community who are concerned about an important issue, and being treated like idiots is not acceptable.When we were told things like, The playing fields might be reinstalled in twenty or so years, it became laughable. To top things off there the organizers lacked sufficient foresight to provide enough feedback forms. That sort of told the story right there - Oops, we didn't print enough forms. Good grief.We had an Information night in which those who provided the information were largely dispensing polite but defensive spin, were unable to answer many inquiries, were woefully short on hard facts, and were constantly directing us to fill out feedback forms...which had run out part-way through the evening.We were then told to fill out the online form.So, we had sacrificed our evenings to learn nothing new and to fill out an online form.We could have accomplished exactly the same thing by staying home.People left more upset than they were when they arrived, so this was clearly a failure.Overall it seemed that it was just a hollow exercise in holding a public forum for the express purpose of being able to claim that you have consulted with the public,

while having no intention whatsoever of making any real alterations to any of your plans, based on public feedback.”

- “What is the real reason for space reduction? Are we moving to virtual interactive learning? What qualifies/determining factors were made to eliminate/reduce gymnasium and auditorium spaces? Why can't the VSB put the swing sight some place else. This is clearly not the obvious place to put it as there is so much densification in this area already. Is this not suppose to be a natural disaster prevention plan? What happens when there are too many people in one area when a disaster hits? Where is the quick, reachable open space people can go to in the area? How are emergency vehicle going to reach such a densely populated place? Already as it stands without any modification, the Hamber corridor is packed with current constructions going up in the surrounding nearby residential area. Is VSB and the City having any type of consultation regarding the area? We are losing quality of learning over trying to quantifying savings in the wrong areas. I believe the swing sight needs to be moved elsewhere. Clearly this is not a justifiable savings the VSB is doing.”
- “new building should have radiant floor heating, window that open to the outside, solar panels, LEED design, a generator. the newer part of the building should be retained and not torn down as it was built in 2005. students can walk to the second building for classes there. this would help the music department as the acoustics and rooms are made for music classes.”
- “This is absolutely the worst plan possible. This school needs more space, NOT 26% less. Must rethink this,”
- “No need for dance studio. Prefer space for auditorium stage or multi-purpose lunch room. Dance class could take place on stage, in drama room, or in a multi-purpose room.”
- “To VSB, Can the new school be built behind the existing school, so there is less impact to residents with traffic, landscape change, loss of park and fields? This is a big project involving parents, students and neighbouring residents. Residents should have a say to how the new school should be located. Students stay in the school maximum of 5 years but residents are there 30 years or more!!”
- “It seems there is very little information for residents. Residents will be affected the most to this new development. Our concern should not be neglected, especially Willow st is well know with traffic congestion with the existing school, hospital and other institutions around us. Can the new school use some of the W 37th park land for part of the school and parking lot? We pay for school taxes in our property taxes, and residents should have their voices heard. This new built school is too much of an impact to the daily living of the neighbouring residents.”
- “I am greatly disturbed by the way this project has been approached, not only with the lack of proper consultation at every level, but with the very brazen political overtones that are so obvious throughout. This is another example of how public trust in the democratic process is

diminished by politicians who are in a hurry at best, or self-interested at worst, and it seems to me a poor choice of strategy at a time when democracy is under threat worldwide. Nothing like making the general public distrust the process more to help humanity. How ironic that it should happen with a public school.”

- “Parking lot will be used by hospital visitors and staff during weekends if it is an open space. Parking lot can be located in the tennis court area and not waste the small park. Please leave some small park area for hospital patrons and residents.”
- “This method of engagement is completely unsatisfactory. I attended the information session, reviewed the display boards there and online, and spoke with multiple VSB representatives at the session. None of them could give me any specific information about the size of the gym, auditorium, space for the textiles program. In fact I have not received any information from the VSB on the design intent or goals for the new school. Yet now the VSB is seeking feedback on whether we need 'more' gym space. 'More' relative to what? I have not received any information whatsoever from the VSB on this issue, only information from the PAC. How am I supposed to provide you feedback on what I value when I have no idea what the VSB has directed the architect to design? I have participated in dozens of public engagement exercises regarding civic issues and I find this hugely problematic. Please provide *hard information* for our review and input, not just generic questions which no reference base. Also: You have only asked about the gym and auditorium. There are many other areas of the school that need to be designed and on which the VSB should be seeking feedback. I have no idea whether the VSB will do so but I hope so. As you can tell, the lack of information from the VSB is very frustrating. Please rectify!”
- “Having an auditorium is crucial especially for the drama departments theater, band and strings program. These programs are so beneficial to the students creative learning, growth and development. Not having an auditorium puts these programs at risk as they will be forced to find alternative venues.”
- “I strongly feel that having another school use the old Hamber is not a good idea. There will be very limited outdoor areas and one small school field as the field in the park is being used by the private school. I also feel it is very short sighted to decrease gym space and have no auditorium when our kids need more physical activity than ever before, and the city is crying out for theatre space. Gyms will be used for assemblies if there is no auditorium, so students will lose valuable activity time for all the events that would normally occur in the auditorium. The district should work in partnership with the city to build a community theatre that the school has access to just like Burnaby South and the Michael J. Fox theatre. Please reconsider BOTH increasing gym space AND including a theatre.”
- “Remove the old Eric Hamber so we will be able to have outdoor space, if another school uses the old school then there will be two full schools with one tiny field.”
- “I really want an auditorium space because I am in the strings program and I also participate in the drama art shows.”


- “I think the already existing wing of Hamber that is currently up to earthquake safe standards should be kept and somehow incorporated into the new school - perhaps a covered walkway joining them. I don't know what the exact design will look like, but we've just come from L'ecole Bilingue where we saw the new school built. It has 'learning commons' pods that are very underutilized and super small, cramped classrooms. Please don't follow this model! As far as the gym and auditorium go, it seems crazy to build a school without sufficient gym and auditorium space. Physical activity is crucial to the health of our students and the auditorium is where the school builds community through music/dance performances and school assemblies. The school needs a place to be able to meet!”
- “I have concerns with losing the auditorium, as well as the outdoor track and field. And building a school that is 25% smaller seems absurd.”
- “I have concerns about using the existing school as swing space for 10 years - if the building is deemed unsafe, it shouldn't be kept for so long. Ten years is a long time for Eric Hamber students to go without the field/athletic space that will be put where the current school is. Also potentially doubling the number of students in this area due to the swing space will create a traffic nightmare. The last item is that the new school does not need so much parking space. Who is this parking for? It should only be for school staff, students shouldn't need it. Use the space to make the school bigger (i.e. auditorium) and make a dedicated drop off zone for vehicles to drive through.”
- “Agree with gym and auditorium space but also track and field space”
- “The Ministry should seriously reconsider using the existing school as a swing site once the new school is built. Doubling the student population of that area will wreak havoc on an already congested neighbourhood, not to mention put a strain on the limited athletic facilities planned to be available for that duration. Why is Oak Meadows not being developed as the site for the new school? That would be the least disruptive option!”
- “Not sure why we need childcare facility for 69 kids aged 0 to 4. I highly doubt the teachers have 69 preschool children between them. This school does not have an issue with teen pregnancies so a smaller childcare area would suffice. Surely, some successful graduates could donate some money to help pay for a portion of the cost of an auditorium and a more gym space. Or, maybe we can keep the existing gymnasiums and auditorium with some seismic upgrading which would be a cheaper alternative.”
- “Upgrading means making something better. But according to this proposal, the new Hamber school is not going to be better BUT a more of down grading. School is a place where students go 5 days of the week, the school needs to have proper spaces for them to learn and play!!!”
- “I strongly feel that the inclusion of an auditorium and at least the same amount of gym space as currently present is vital to the future of Hamber. These features have been major components of Hamber's success thus far and will only become increasingly valuable as the population of the

area increases. Removing these established school facilities will not only devalue the school, having arguably been considered its backbone, but will demonstrate a lack of understanding, on BC's part, of its young people's needs. On behalf of my son who is soon to enter Hamber and all the students who will come with and after him, including my daughter, please put these features back into the new school plans."

- "I was not able to attend the public information session so my concerns are based on what I have read and heard from my son who currently attends Eric Hamber. First, the drama program that Hamber currently runs is amazing and maintaining auditorium space for their performances should be a priority OR ensuring there is access to and budget for use of a nearby facility for their productions (e.g. the center at 41 & Oak). My second concern is the lack of a track and playing field for 8 years. Is there any opportunity to build a temporary track and field in the Oak Meadow park in order to preserve Hamber's sports teams? I completely understand the need to have temporary space for other students while their schools are upgraded in the next decade but there must be a way to preserve facilities for the athletic teams. Thanks!"
- "Appreciate the importance of building a safe school. Athletics and the arts are the heart of a high school. Building a school without an auditorium or sufficient gym space to accommodate existing programs is extremely short sighted. Increase the budget or work with the school community to identify additional funding."
- "I would have liked to have seen this meeting happen earlier in the timeline. In a world where we see students increasingly plugging in the importance for a large space such as an auditorium where the school can come together as a large community not only becomes vital to the specific subject areas it serves but also as a teaching tool educating the student body how to behave and function on a whole in society in mass assemblies which they will surely encounter in their future."
- "My son currently attends Eric Hamber Secondary School. He is a member of the concert and jazz bands, which perform regularly throughout the school year. Band has been a very important part of his experience at Eric Hamber and allowed him to grow both intellectually and socially. My son is also an avid and talented runner. He participates in the track and field and cross country programs. It is very clear from a medical standpoint that physical activity should be a high priority for secondary schools, to help young people form good habits to prevent obesity and cancer later in life. Furthermore, daily physical activity has been shown to boost brain function and will help students learn more in school. Running is something that everyone at any income level can do. The outdoor space and the track are required for a running program. My son would not have chosen to attend Eric Hamber if it did not have an auditorium or a track (He came cross boundary for the Challenge minischool). The track and the auditorium are essential features of a high school, particularly one that is as large as Eric Hamber. I am certain funds could be privately raised in the community to ensure that the school continues to serve students in every essential respect. Please reconsider the plan and include these elements in a revised form."

- “The public information session did not adequately depict the whole story, there is a great deal of loss between the new building and the current building. With such a huge amount of money being spent the new building should not be a downgrade from the current offerings.”
- “The auditorium is the heart of the school and provides educational opportunities that cannot be replicated without this large gathering space, especially for performing arts. Hamber would not have the exceptional and robust drama program it does without a large drama studio and an auditorium to provide a variety of opportunities for productions throughout the year.”
- “I think it is great they are replacing the school. Safety should be a priority but there should be enough facilities to support all the programs at the school and to build to or exceed the space they already have.”
- “As a grad student of 2023, I would be spending my final year of school at the new building. My friends and I have discussed this and it would mean a lot to us if we could graduate at our current school, where we have received the majority of our secondary school education.”
- “School is too small. Programs that matter to our non-academic students are being lost. Without them our drop-out rate will certainly increase.”
- “The provincial government has to reconsider funding seismic upgrades of schools adequately. Just because previous governments were negligent in completing the essential much-needed upgrades should not be an excuse to not do the right thing which is to fund projects for best and future use. School populations will be expanding not shrinking and essential spaces like gymnasium and adequate outdoor space for sports are critical for student learning. VSB should not paint itself into a corner and approve a plan that does not allow for expansion either. Instead of thinking so short-term, why doesn't VSB build a larger building that could accommodate community space for seniors, children and put in an underground parking lot instead of building the proposed smaller building? This is really backwards thinking! Think forward to the future and build for the future instead!!”
- “Maybe you could cut back on the size of the parking lot and charge for parking to reduce demand. It's far more important to have community performing space and room for kids to exercise.”
- “Initial planning did not allow sufficient consultation and input from community and key stakeholders for appropriate allocation of new space. Current plan on usage of space is totally unreasonable and will drastically undermine many programs at Eric Hamber Secondary including sports, fine arts, and applied skills. Parking lot can perhaps be built with a smaller footprint with a multi-level structure so that additional space can be built for the school building.”
- “Access to and from building with parking and pick up needs to be carefully thought out. Already highly congested area in front of school. How will this work during and after construction? Bike lane on 33 will only reduce traffic flow as lane will be lost and cause even more congestion in this area. This will be also a nightmare during construction. Please someone use their brain over this one. Otherwise accidents will happen. Reality is parents are still going to pick up their kids with

their cars in front of the school. Kids will continue to rush out across the street. Plan for it properly.”

- “The consultation process for such a large project should have been ongoing for the past few years seeking to accommodate student, teacher and local resident concerns. The track and fields should be retained as is. Why have other layout locations not been discussed and presented to the interested parties including the neighbours. The school has significant transportation / traffic issues which will be significantly compounded with the proposal.”
 - “Given the extent of video games causing our children to stop moving and the epidemic of obesity in children, it is essential that Eric Hamber have more gym space! We need to plan for the future and making our children understand that sports is fun, team-building and critical to health is part of that plan. More gym space is necessary to implement that plan.”
 - “Since this build is suppose to be projected to be community integrated, could we not partner the school building with other community or neighbourhoods. For example, could we not lease with the Heatherlands, perhaps for parking space. Thereby, allowing more space for an auditorium and bigger gym size.”
 - “Build for density; while keeping the important track infrastructure already in place.”
 - “The future of Hamber and the successes it achieves relies solely on whether or not our voices against this seismic upgrade projects are heard.”
 - “This school is going to impact thousands of kids in the years to come, so this isn't a good place to make budget cuts. It seems so short sighted. Every economist ever says investing in education is the best thing you can do for the economy thirty nurses from now. So Maybe we can sell the government wood chippers and use that money toward the schools instead.”
 - “No comment.”
 - “The consultation process needs to be far more comprehensive than it has been to date. It appears that the major decisions have been made. The constraints on the size of the project and the school's amenities need to be carefully examined. There is a lot of expertise within the school community and neighbourhood that could be engaged to help with this project.”
 - “Would appreciate a greater review of the need for additional parking space, given my commitment to reducing environmental footprint, to continue Vancouver's mandate to be a greener city, to account for many more transportation options available to students and faculty”
 - “Please ensure that the artistic and creative endeavors of the EH student body are supported with adequate space and funding.”
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- “The new school needs to provide at least the same facilities as the existing. It is a failure to build a school that does not meet the programmatic requirements of the school community. Over the lifetime of the school about 25,000 students will spend 5 years in the school so it is not just 1700 lives being affected, but generations. It's got to be done right. This is a chance to do something great. Don't do something that is designed to fail generations of students”
- “Both adequate auditorium space and gym space are necessary for Eric Hamber Secondary, as they are an integral part of the arts and sports programs offered at the school. The development at Oakridge set to be completed around 2022 will inevitably result in an influx of students attending Hamber, their catchment school. How can we build a school for the future (for the next 30, 40 years) if the facilities in the planned new school wouldn't even be adequate for today's students? The inevitable growth of the school, as well as establishing Eric Hamber Secondary as a learning centre for the leaders of the future, begins with providing adequate auditorium and gym space in the new school.”
- “Please take the time to hire an architect or other qualified professional to spend some time liaising with the community to come up with a program that suits the school. Not design but merely a starting point of a program. Hamber has a successful fashion program and many performance based programs as well as many sports teams and athletics. The existing school as it is, which is much larger than the proposal, is overcrowded and over capacity. Only about a third of the students fit in the cafeteria, everyone else eats in the floor or in the gym. The catchment area is increasing in density dramatically so even more capacity will be required. Coming up with a program will allow a more clever and imaginative strategy when it comes to funding. A clever design would allow for phased expansion and additions. Different levels of governments could be approached and the private sector for fundraising. Items such as hallways and lobbies could integrate built in plinths and stages to allow for further create performance spaces and seating at lunch time. There are many precedents innovative school buildings in areas surrounding Vancouver. This school and opportunity should not be based on a formula derived by a gov't that did not prioritize our youth. This is a wealthy province and we should be leaders in designing schools that inspire generations. This is also an opportunity to do a passive or net zero building. The entire process is an educational opportunity for all. At the absolute very least give the school the amenities they already have. Be creative, allow for phases if necessary- thank you”
- “I am very concerned to learn from the public information session that the proposed Eric Hamber School will have some glaring deficiencies: 1) Auditorium: a place for assemblies and performances to be enjoyed by the entire student body, a means to communicate to the students of Hamber. How can such a space be missing from a 21st Century school? Despite technology that connects us, there is still a need to be able to connect face to face as a group. Where will the student body go to celebrate the accomplishments of the school whether it be academic, sports-related or of the arts? Hamber is currently called the Summer Centre of the Arts during Summer School. What will happen to this fine arts programming in the future, and where will performances take place? 2) Gym space: the reduction in gym space is alarming and will have a

detrimental effect on Hamber's very successful athletics program, both on timetable and extra-curricular. A School should be able to facilitate and encourage student participation in athletic pursuits, and help nurture a lifetime enjoyment of physical activity. Successful programs such as football, ultimate, track and field, will all be adversely affected, and may be unable to thrive with the limited outdoor space available in the future.3) Fashion program: It is completely mind-boggling that the design of a new school would not recognize the space required to run and continue this successful program from within the public school system. We should celebrate and encourage successful programs that are thriving in the public system. 3) Capacity: The capacity of the new Hamber site remains at 1,700 students. This makes little sense given the City of Vancouver's plan to densify along the Cambie Corridor. The redevelopment of Oakridge Mall to a major Town Centre, the Heather Lands, the Transit Centre will all impact the future population of Eric Hamber. Currently, there are already feeder schools that are at capacity, eg. L'Ecole Bilingue and Annie B. Jamieson.4) LEED (gold certified or equivalent): Given that the new School is on a limited budget and publicly funded, is it necessary that the new build be of LEED gold standard? Is it not possible to build an environmentally conscious and sustainable building without applying a LEED gold standard? The savings could be put towards those areas of the School that have been jeopardized.5) Eric Hamber neighborhood: I am concerned that the neighborhood surrounding Eric Hamber is unaware of the VSB's plan to have 3,400 students on that site until 2030. Has there been public consultation in that regard and how will the neighborhood deal with traffic congestion during school hours.6) Daycare: Although the creation of daycare spaces is commendable, it makes more logical sense for a daycare to be attached to an elementary school where the ages of the daycare children and the elementary school children will be more similar. In addition, since outdoor field space has been significantly reduced, where will these daycare children go for outside playtime?"

- “Eric Hamber services a very large population in a heavily taxed area. It deserves increased budget. Please look in to alternative methods of funding such as partnering with a private funder to create a large auditorium that could be used for private events.”
- “None”
- “1) The consistent message that I received in response to my questions at the public information session was that decisions were being made solely on the basis of cost savings rather than on the basis of student and staff welfare. e.g. The location next to busy Oak St. was chosen because it is cheaper to build there (since fewer seismic supports needed). The detrimental effects of noise pollution and traffic pollution on generations of student and staff were considered less important than short-term savings. 2) No details on the actual design of the new school were provided to enable constructive suggestions of what wasted space or design elements could be turned into more useful space . 3) The new school will be considerably smaller than the existing school. There are substantial new housing construction projects (condominiums) in the area that are only beginning to be inhabited. What are the projected numbers of high school age students in 20 yrs from now and will the new school even come close to meeting those needs? The Ministry of

Education needs to reconsider the maximum allowable size designated for this project. 4) The auditorium and the large main gym (including the bleachers!) are the community centres of the school. These are spaces that bring together students (from multiple grades), teachers, staff, friends and family. They help to create memorable high school experiences and define the Hamber culture (e.g the amazing concerts and musicals, and the infamous Midtown Showdown). The importance of community is undervalued in the current seismic plan.5. Insufficient gym space and removal of the outdoor track sends the wrong message to high school students. Physical activity needs to be encouraged and supported, and physical education resources need to be a priority to support the physical and mental health of our youth. 6. The new school should be designed to meet the NEEDS of STUDENTS and TEACHERS.”

- “I appreciate that the District has to work within certain constraints. I just hope creative minds can come together to find a solution to the broader community's needs and wishes.”
- “We are a group of residents who live in the Eric Hamber neighbourhood. Many of us have been living here for over 35 years or more. We are all very concern of the loss of green fields on Willow street and along W 33rd. In addition is the compounded traffic problems students, parents and residents will face once the new school is built. Willow street is already very congested with traffic during pick up and drop off time, a problem well know to the City of Vancouver. There has been very little information and planning involvement with the residents community. As neighbouring residents, we would like to be included in the planning process, as this new development will impact greatly on our daily living. Please consider the residents, and have the school build on a section that will cause the least impact, behind the existing school building. We hope the VSB and the City will retain the green fields on Willow street. It is a park that is shared by the neighbouring residents , institutions and hospital patrons.”
- “This is another classic example of how the Project Office is failing the Stakeholders who actually attend or work at Hamber. People who would have loved to guide the concept process - rather than costly consultants, who seem to really not have a clue about what actually happens at the school that they are designing. All of this initial phase happens behind closed doors - a plan and proposal is submitted in good faith to the Ministry, and then, and only then, once there are strict parameters, are the Stakeholders asked - what do you want? It's too late!! The flawed plan and the funding to go with that have already been in development for years by not one person who is actually going to be in the building. The design teams of the very invested staff, the stakeholders, need to be asked to provide input BEFORE the submission for funding to the Ministry. This is the only way to fix this flawed process going forward. It doesn't have to be years of crazy meetings - meaning consultation. Engaging stakeholders - if done correctly, I would think it would actually save you time because it would eliminate all of this needless backlash. Schools should be thrilled to be receiving a Seismic upgrade, not saddened by their downgrade or depressed by the massive amounts of deferred maintenance that their children will have to contend with once this project is over. My sons are currently at Hamber - the absolutely love the camaraderie of Football. There

is no other sport like it - where all of the grades work together on a team. It provides them with a massive sense of belonging and connection to school. There is no plan that I can see that supports the football program in a feasible way. i was told the John Oliver has space for practice...have they been told this? Do they have space to store the equipment? How will the kids get there after school. During the football season they practice EVERY DAY. You have not thought through how the 2 high schools that you are planning to put on the site will have adequate field and PE space. The top field must absolutely not be saved for Jules Quesnel - just based on numbers alone. I cannot believe that this was not secured in advance of the announcement with the Parks Board. Eric Hamber and the Swing Site schools will absolutely need this space. Lastly, the arts are also such an integral part of the high school experience. A critical way to keep teens connected to the space. The new curriculum explores the multi-faceted ways of learning - why does this new design not support this in every way? It's an absolute travesty that the Hamber award winning design program was not considered- what was the plan here? What will happen to the super costly equipment that will not fit into the new school? Why not design around these unique and amazing programs that have made Hamber the great school that it is? The Studio program, Hamber's Mini School, has a strong emphasis on the arts - particularly Drama. How will this treasured program at Hamber continue without an Auditorium? I really could go on and on... 6 PE classes per block - yet you have reduced gym space?!?! The Area Standards Document most certainly needs to be addressed, and as a District you should be demanding that the same learning space be provided for the BC Students of District 39, that are provided for students across the country. In summary, this whole plan needs to be looked at again with the design team and with the Alumni, since they are the group who can now go forward and try and fundraise for all of the parts of the new school that you clearly do not understand the significance of for a high school. It's not too late to get this on track as long as you start listening to stakeholders - and PLEASE - going forward, do not allow the consultants to work on plans in isolation before FIRST creating the design team. Here is an example from the Cavell design team - between the two teachers on the team and myself (the PAC rep) there are more than 62 combined years at Cavell. Compared to the Principal who attend the meetings during the feasibility stage - with 1 year spent at Cavell. Seriously - this is a no brainer, easy solution to end the backlash. Please use this opportunity to make a change in this process and do what is right for the current and future students of Cavell...my Cavell Kindergarten daughter will be one of them. She will be impacted by the Seismic process until she graduates from Hamber in 2032. I cannot stress enough how important it is to think long term about providing the absolute best high school experience for our children - and this means ensuring that all programs remain and also include the possibility of even more!"

- “The current school seems fine. Can they not update the current buildings with the budget given?”
- “poorly designed, cant function with so little space”
- “I don't think enough consideration is being placed on physical education for kids if you are reducing gym and outdoor space. Where do kids go for assemblies if there is no auditorium?”

- “It is imperative that there is more gym space (at least what the school presently has) and an auditorium, or similar facility, that can be the foundation for a strong performing arts programs. With increasing mental health (suicides) and obesity in our teenagers, it is vital that they have supports in place to ensure their mental and physical well-being. Compromising these facilities goes against leading evidence in how to best support our teens.”
- “this 'upgrade' is potentially the biggest train wreck I have ever seen in my life. I would rather die in an earthquake than go to this proposed new school.”
- “As long as the funds allocated are viewed as a fixed constraint on the project and more time is not allotted for the planning process (to allow to get a fund-raising plan in place), there will be deep frustration about the proposed school in terms of inadequacies around extra-curricular space and the diminishment of educational opportunities for future Hamber students in the Fine Arts, P.E. and Athletics (not to mention Socials, English, Home Economics which also use the auditorium).”
- “Given the changing landscape and development of the area nearby, the area will be more dense and it seems like it's going backwards when we build infrastructure that is smaller than the existing one when we will need a bigger space. If this area will also be a swing site and childcare etc, have you considered traffic congestion?”
- “Very upset that without an auditorium there would be no suitable place for band, choir or orchestra students to perform! Build an auditorium.
- “As an ARTS ADVOCATE and a MUSIC EDUCATOR with over 50 years experience, I am absolutely shocked that there is no Auditorium included in the plan. Every secondary school in VSB has an Auditorium. The Performing Arts (band, choir, strings, drama and dance) need a space to perform in order to meet the requirements of the Provincial Curriculum for their respective subject areas. The Fashion Design programme has been recognized nationally for many years. Why isn't it included in the plan? Don't downgrade Eric Hamber a school with national and international recognition to being a bare bones academic institution.”
- “We need to think 50 years into the future of this school. Our neighbourhood is going to increase its population dramatically. Building a smaller school with less access to subjects that promote physical and social education seems short-sighted. Please reconsider your planning.”
- The amount of short-sightedness in the plans for the new build is outrageous and NOT in a good way. How can a high school not have an auditorium? Where are the 6 classes of PE in every period going to share the smaller gym space and what's left of the field space when old Hamber houses another high school who will also need to use that field space? Why is the existing school not being upgraded as initially proposed especially since there is already a seismically safe section of the school that exists? So many questions. Yet with the response from the Ministry: In a statement, the Ministry of Education said that the VSB is responsible for building the school, and have flexibility when it comes to the design and programs. Janet Fraser's response was still, 'We

have to work to the ministry Area Standards guidelines, within those guidelines we have to try and design the school in the best possible way for our students.' They are guidelines, not musts. But she is not willing to advocate for the students. That's what it sounds like. She is not doing enough by just listening but not acting.”

- “I [REDACTED] at Eric Hamber Secondary School. Further, I am a [REDACTED], I am on the School Advisory Group, I am a parent, and I am a tax-payer. The response to concerns that I keep hearing is we are bound by certain constraints, we have not made any decisions specifically, but we are limited by size and cost, this is meant to be a transparent process where feedback/suggestions/recommendations are both encouraged and valued... but only of those fit within the Ministry Area Standard Guidelines. Of my many concerns about this process, the greatest issue, is trying to make a facility 'fit' within Ministry Area Standard Guidelines, when none of the stakeholders agree that the guidelines are appropriate. We are taking a school of approximately 1500 students and 100 staff, and squishing them into a school 26% smaller than is meant for 1700 students plus staff. We are already converting alternative spaces in the school into classrooms to accommodate our needs and continue to have insufficient space for our physical education program. In the reductions, we completely lose an auditorium, we shrink most other spaces, and we decrease the Library Learning Commons by 45%. I have worked as the Teacher-Librarian at Hamber for 12 years. We have built a successful Library program which supports students in grades 8 through 12 in all subject areas. While working with classes, we build multiple literacies (information, digital, media) and teach our students to think critically. We nurture a love of reading and encourage being life-long learners. In a single day, we see upwards of 500 students come through our doors. On any given day, we might be working with 2 or 3 classes simultaneously, in addition to having 30+ students drop-in during their study block. Our Library Learning Commons offers great diversity in the types of areas and uses it accommodates, including areas for individual and group study, three different classroom areas, a reading lounge, a presentation lounge, study rooms, and a technology centre. We support a wide spectrum of students, from the most academic to some of our most fragile students that need a safe space. All of these exist surrounded by resources (books!) that are used on a regular basis. For anyone who does not work in a school and who believes that books are a dying source of information, I invite you to visit any school library and you will see the opposite. I invite you to read any one of dozens of studies that show the positive relationship between reading print and increased understanding, comprehension, reading retention, brain health, and overall enjoyment. A decrease in library size of almost 50% will surely have negative impacts on the ability of our Library program to meet the needs of our students and staff. Our school must have a Library Learning Commons big enough to support a minimum of 2 classes at any given time in addition to the dozens of students who drop in for support and space to work and learn. At the heart of every school is the Library, which by design supports and works together with all other programs and spaces to build well-rounded members of society. Lastly, let us not forget we are doing all of this, the seismic upgrades, and public education in its entirety, for our students. We keep talking about restrictions based on ministry standards and dollars and cents, but these are the lives of our children and they represent the next generation of our democracy. This is the time of their lives when we need to foster their development (academic and artistic, physical and mental), we

need to nurture self-esteem and self-confidence, encourage them to expand and grow with support and guidance. Every single program and space within our walls matters, and to create a future that diminishes any one area will only harm future generations.”

- “Currently, my son is in band and part of a school play at Hamber and the auditorium has been an essential school facility for both of these interests. How can a secondary school that offers such a wide variety of band, choir and drama classes, both in school and extra-curricular, be replaced with a new school that has no auditorium? All of these programs desperately need an auditorium and we truly believe that it must be a component of the new school. The same goes for gym space. Please provide a new school that at least meets or preferably surpasses the existing facilities/classroom space in the old school. The new school is being constructed for future generations and should be constructed to meet all the needs of this generation. Thank you.”
- “Hamber offers a large number of PE classes, which take place not only in our gyms, but also in multipurpose rooms, the cafeteria, and outdoor fields. PE classes will not be able to access similar multipurpose rooms for teaching in the new building. In addition, leaving the old building up for another 10 years results in a loss of 2 outdoor fields and a requirement to share limited space with another school. Our auditorium is constantly in use by various departments, such as drama, music, and fashion. Being a larger school, we need a space to assemble students for various events and assemblies, which cannot be accomplished in the Commons area of the new building. Without the additional gym space and the auditorium, Hamber will not be able to offer the same level of educational programs for our students. Several programs will suffer. The programs which will be the most affected also involve a greater number of at-risk students. It is clear that current and future students choose to attend Hamber due to the successful nature of our programs. Thus, it is educational sound for the funding formula to be adjusted to accommodate the unique programming we have at Hamber.”
- “I and many of my fellow staff, retired staff, former students, and community members and of course present students are putting in long hours once again this year as we have each of the last ten-plus years, and as many others did stretching back to when I was a student, to mount a full scale musical show (My Fair Lady.) This is such a great learning and growth vehicle for these students I can not bear to imagine how we could replace it, or go on without a proper auditorium. We need the auditorium. Having no auditorium seems to be presented as a fait accompli to our staff and student body. This I can not believe nor can I brook. I am trying to contain my outrage. Surely, if you were to give us time, a solution can be found. Please give the students, alumni, staff and community members of Eric Hamber a chance to find a solution. There will be anger if our voices are squelched, but more than anything there will be huge disappointment, desperation, and poverty (in all meaningful definitions of the word) for our students and our community.”
- “Where are the band, choir and orchestra students supposed to perform if not in an auditorium? Where would the Hamber fashion shows take place? Where would the dance shows take place? Where would the theatre plays take place? Where would the annual Hamber musical take place if not in an auditorium? The gym is not an appropriate venue for all of these performance-based activities as listed above.”

- “This form is a consultant led appeasement strategy as a bigger building footprint is not being considered and that is what is required. This entire process needs to stop and start over.”
 - “This seismic replacement should be slowed down to consider all options. No auditorium, not enough gym space, no track for 10 years, downsizing of all classrooms and squeezing out fashions unacceptable. There has been no foresight to this planning. Densification in this rapidly growing area are not factored into the design. How is such a small and already dense area suppose to support a swing space? If there is a swing space, why is Hamber not compensated for the inconveniences.”
 - “The new build should meet the needs of the school and community today and in the future.”
 - “Disappointed with the lack of Transparency and consultation. Worse that the Province has hire a consultant to select a sampling of this survey....will they pick and choose what the Province wants to hear...not transparent.”
 - “Listen to PAC as they represent the parents”
 - “Very concerned with the possibility of no auditorium and decreased gym space. In this day and age of promoting mental wellness and increasing social interaction and connection, it seems completely counter intuitive that a state of the art new school would be moving backwards in providing these opportunities for students.”
 - “Need proper GYM, Theatre, Science Lab etc.Current size for Eric Hamber is great. I would like to restore Hamber school instead reduce the size.”
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